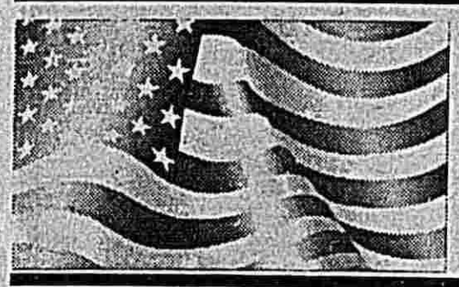
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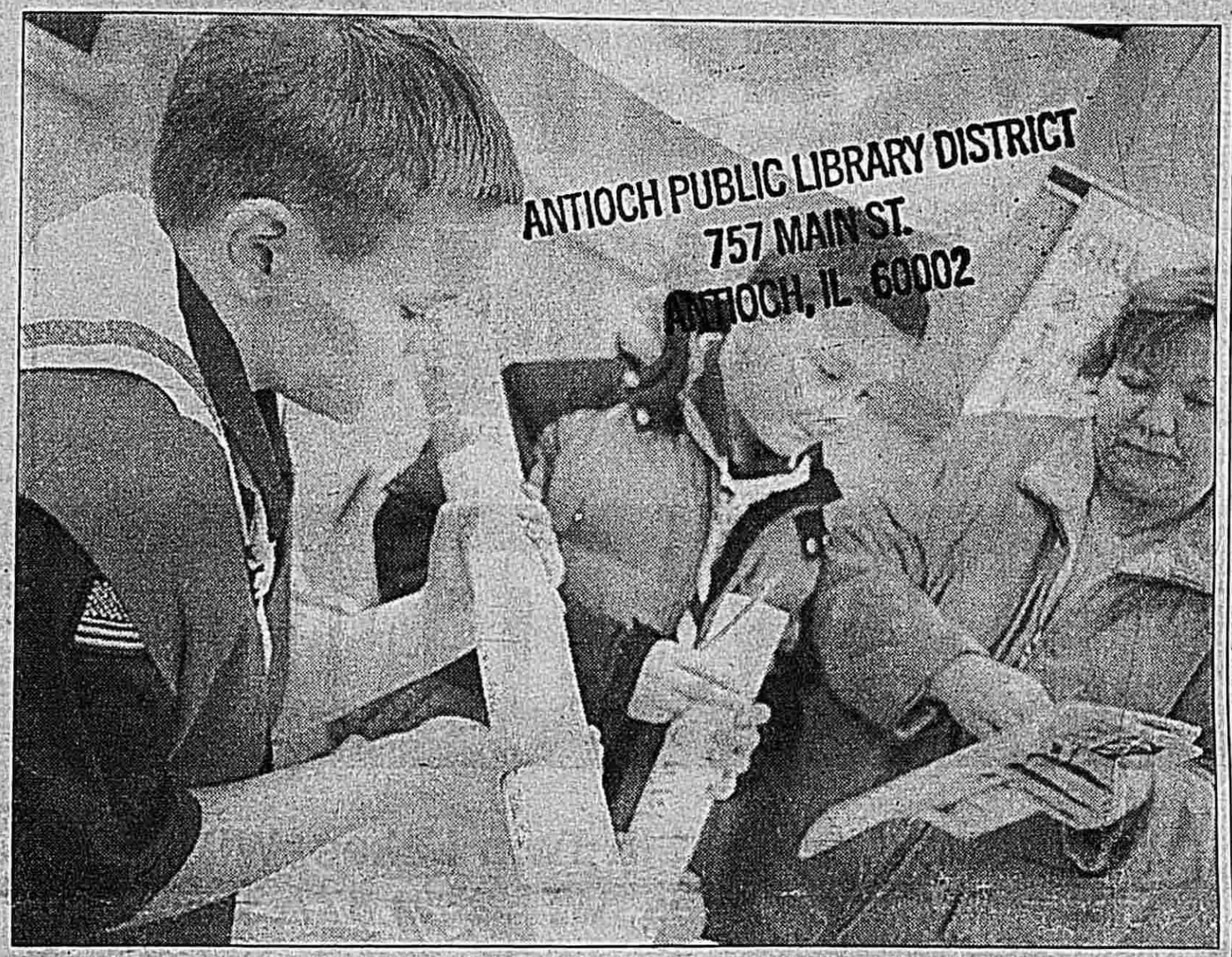


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Ben Schulz, 8, of Antioch loads an Antioch News newspaper in a time capsule. Cub Scouts from Pack 80 at Grass Lake School then planned to bury the time capsules in their respective back yards and dig them up in five to 10 years.— *Photo by Lynn Gunnarson Dahlstrom*

Back in time

Cub Scouts create personal history by making time capsules

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Cub Scout Pack 80 modified an assignment to create a scrapbook as part of "The Past is Exciting and Important" unit and created individual time capsules of personal history.

"The boys (all 8-9 years old) will bury these in their own backyards for five to 10 years, and then can dig them up to see what things were important to them at the time," said leader Vince Heywood.

Michelle Aremka, the parent volunteer who came up with the idea, said, "I thought this would be really cool. They'll be able to dig these up when they graduate from high school and look back at what they were like as young boys."

The time capsules themselves were made out of 2-inch PVC plumbers' pipe cut into roughly 18-inch lengths. Once each troop member filled his capsule, the capsules were sealed with PVC glue and caps to make them water tight and ready for burial.

Scout Ben Schulz said, "I'm burying some pictures, some Pokemon cards and some rocks. Some of my rocks are from here and some are from Pennsylvania." Scout Christian Schuardt included a picture of himself with his sister and a toy wrestler.

Heywood noted that other popular choices were Legos and Matchbox cars. Additionally, each boy was given a current edition of the "Antioch News" for date and current events reference.

As each boy will bury his own capsule in his own yard, preparatory work included creating individual treasure maps so the capsules can be found and dug up at some future date.

"Don't seal your map inside your capsule," reminded Heywood. "It won't do you any good if you bury it along with your treasure."

Scout Vince Heywood, Jr. showed off his map. He had hand drawn the family's backyard.

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Fur still flying in race for trustee

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Unless Ken Karasek and George Close appeal the decision made by the municipal officers electoral board to strike their names from the ballot, there will likely be five candidates listed as running for trustee for the Village of Antioch.

The initial hearing was continued, as changes to the board were necessary to hear the opposition to the petitions of Ralph Antonelli and John Moulchin.

Trustee Scott Pierce brought the one objection to Antonelli's candidacy before the board. The objection was quickly dismissed by Chris Morozin who had been selected to replace village clerk Candi Rowe in this proceeding, as Rowe was a potential witness.

Pierce said what he was to present was "just argument" and not factual and complained that Jodi Gott filed Antonelli's papers on his behalf without power of attorney.

Antonelli's attorney Charles Smith rebutted, "You must have testimony and this objector has none. There is no statute that goes to this. He (Antonelli) shouldn't even be here."

Morozin concurred. The five objections filed against John Moulchin initially seemed to hold more water. In addition to complaints similar to those heard in the first part of the hearing over whether block print could constitute a signature, all five complaints held that Moulchin is not truly an Antioch resident.

Jodi Gott, speaking on behalf of herself and three other objectors, brought photos with date confirmation that the house listed as Moulchin's address was still under construction and uninhabitable.

"The candidate is not a resident as required; the house is under construction," she said. "He attempted to register as a voter at the new address, but could not as his mail was undeliverable."

Please see **FUR** / A6

Bait shop owner hooked for illegal sale of tobacco

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

James E. Koziol, 56, of Antioch, and owner of the Grass Lake Bait Store, was cited with four counts of selling tobacco products (cigarettes) to minors and one count of selling tobacco products without a license. All tobacco products were seized from the store.

"These are misdemeanor charges, but we take them seriously," said Sgt. Gary Govekar of the Lake County Sheriff's Department. "We will continue to do spot checks of this business and other businesses."

Govekar said the charges came when surveillance was set up after a number of complaints came into the sheriff's department from parents. On Jan. 30, detectives stopped three separate teen-filled vehicles within one hour after they drove away from the shop. In all three incidents, the drivers were under the age of 18 years old and admitted to buying cigarettes in the shop from "Jim."

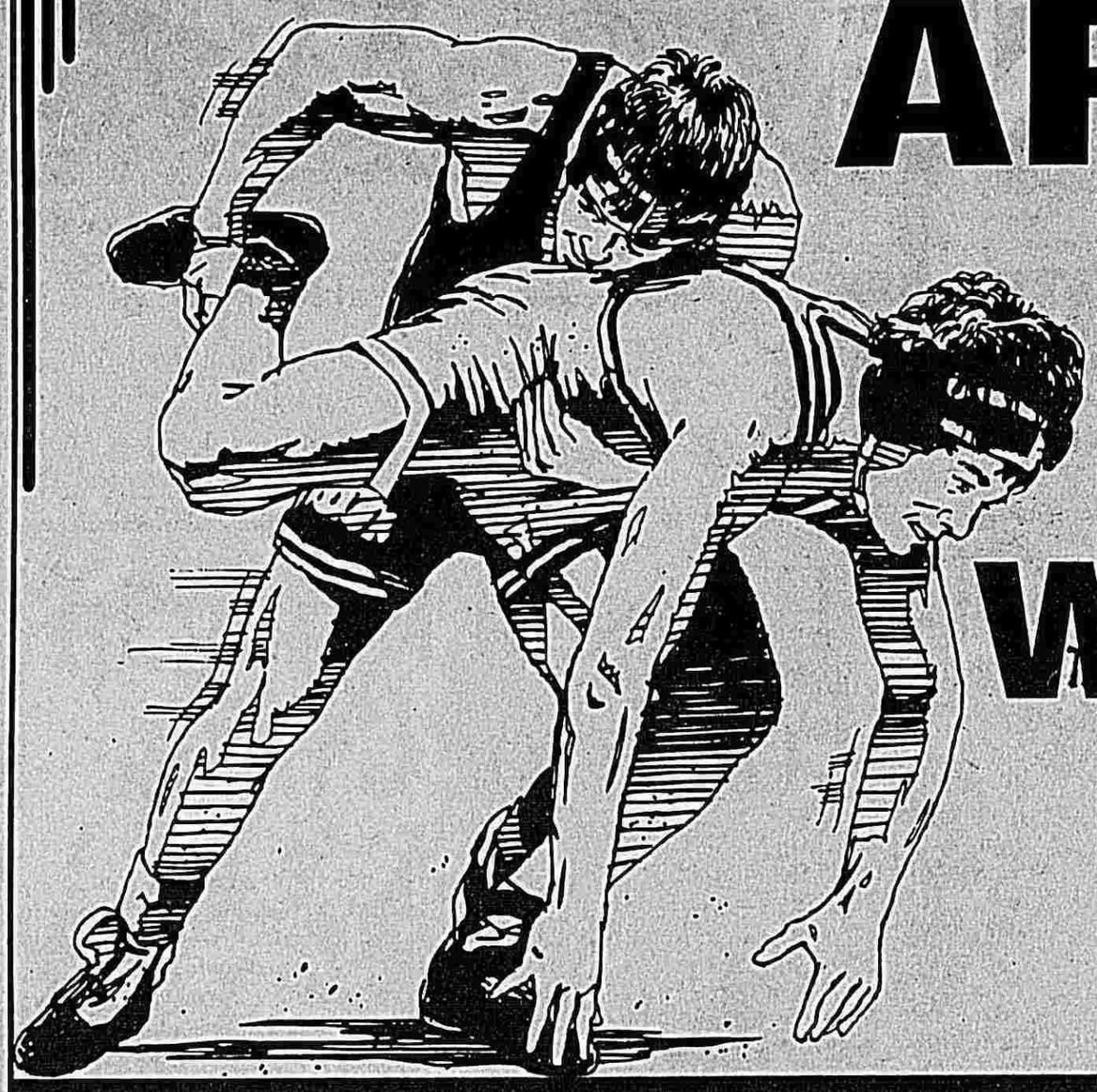
"It's not like he had a grocery store," said Govekar. "The teens would go in and come back out a couple of minutes later and leave. They weren't carrying bait pails."

Following the third stop, detectives entered the store and spoke to Koziol. He reportedly denied selling cigarettes to the minors, but did tell detectives that neither the state nor the county had issued him licenses to sell tobacco products.

"It's likely that he'll have to pay $1,000 fine for each count, but I don't know exactly what the court allows for," said Govekar. "He can still be issued licenses to sell tobacco after he pays the fine. It's like when we catch liquor stores selling to minors; they don't lose their licenses forever."

Koziol is scheduled to appear in Branch 3 Court in Grayslake on March 3.

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Lindenhurst man guilty of murder

Ruhl to serve at least 45 years in prison for gun-shot slaying of Lake Villa man

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
Staff Reporter

After a 4-day trial and four hours of deliberation, a jury found Ronald Ruhl, 33, of Lindenhurst, guilty of first-degree murder in the gunshot death of Richard Neubauer.

Ruhl may face up to 85 years in prison. The sentence for murder ranges from 20-60 years, but an additional 25 years are mandatory because of the use of a firearm. Sentencing is scheduled for March 28.


Ruhl

Neubauer, 27, of Lake Villa, was killed on Jan. 6, 2002, outside the Whiplash Bar, on Grass Lake Road at Route 83, in Antioch. His body was removed to the entrance of the Bristol Renaissance Fair in Wisconsin, where it was left in his mother's car.

Assistant State's Attorneys George Strickland and Ken LaRue presented the case, arguing that Ruhl, acting at the direction of Raymond Serio, 29, of Round Lake, pulled the trigger.

Serio was alleged to have been involved with Denise Schubat, 25, Neubauer's girlfriend and mother of his child. Schubat was a waitress at the Whiplash, working for Serio, who owned the bar.

Schubat admitted to having a one-night stand with Serio while she and Neubauer were temporarily separated. The state's case alleged jealousy was the motive for the killing.

Defense attorney Edward Edens argued that Schubat and Serio conspired to kill Neubauer because of a custody dispute. Prosecution witnesses refuted the claim.

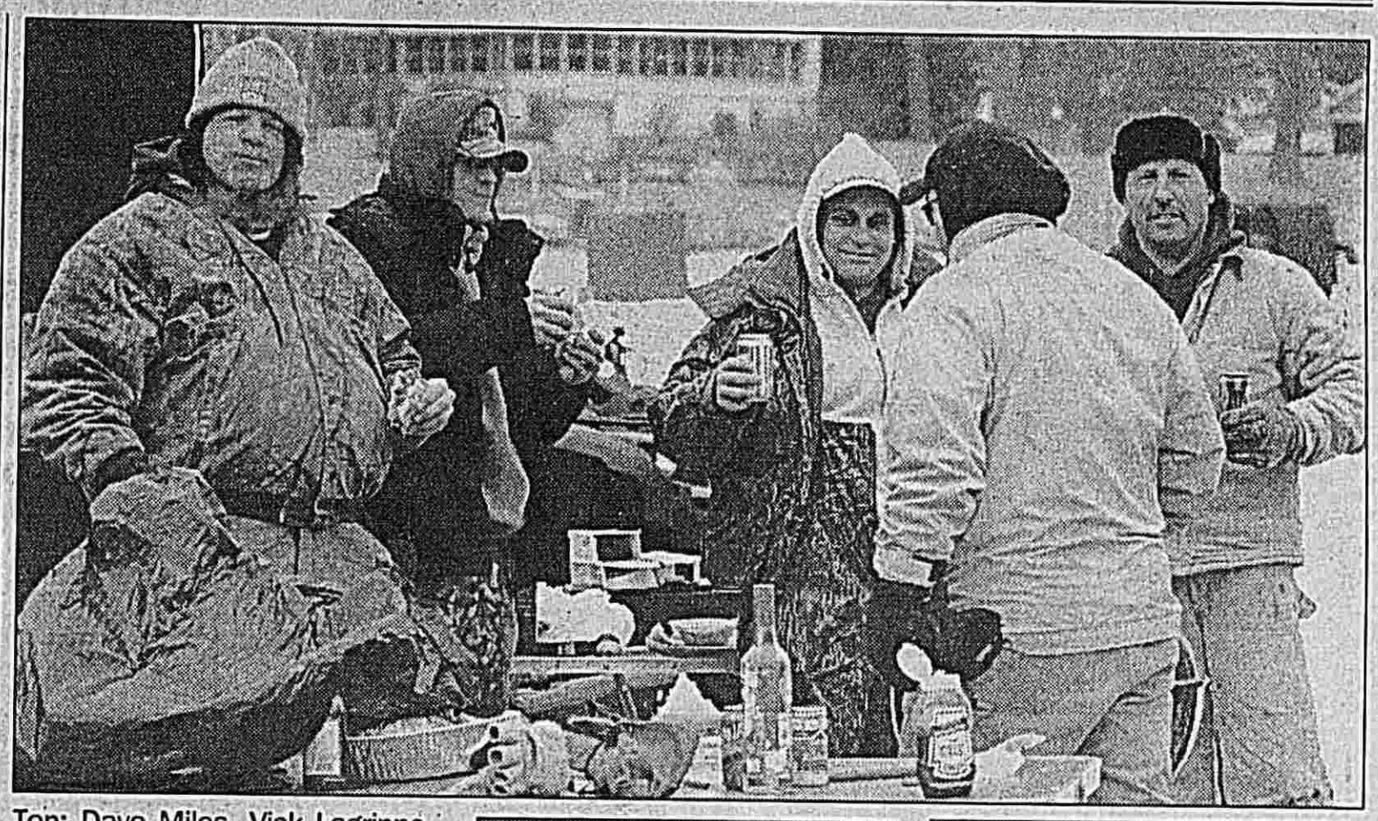
The sole defense witness, Sandra Morton, of Lake Villa, was undergoing cross-examination by Strickland to determine how well she knew Neubauer. When asked of she knew his profession, she said he was selling drugs for a while.

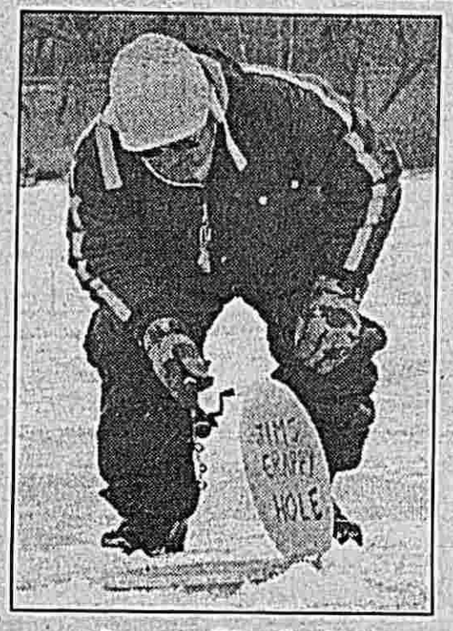
Strickland immediately objected because Circuit Judge James Booras banned any references to Neubauer's alleged drug use during the trial, saying that no proof had been offered to substantiate such a claim.

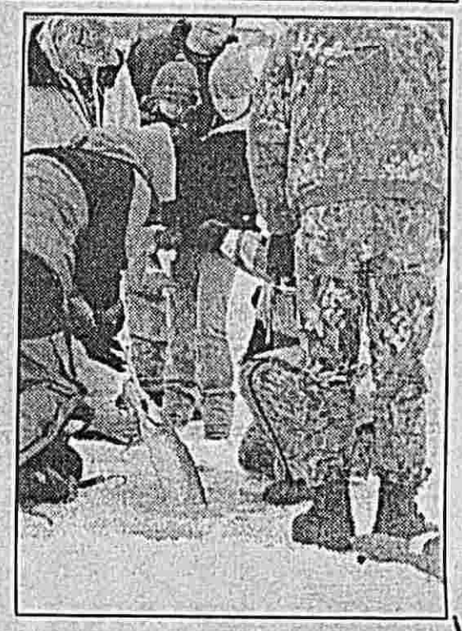
Morton's testimony prompted Booras to call for her to reappear in court to face possible contempt charges. Her case will be continued on Feb. 25.

At the time Ruhl and Serio were arrested, in June 2002, Serio was being held in the Lake County Jail on unrelated narcotics, forgery and weapons charges.

Serio will be tried for murder later this month.







Top: Dave Miles, Vick Lagrippe, Mike Clark, Kurt Larson and a contingent of other avid fishermen take time out for a BBQ on the ice that includes Oysters Rockefeller. They came to Channel Lake in Antioch to ice fish in the 43rd Chain O' Lakes Ice Fishing Derby sponsored by the Northern Illinois Conservation Club. Right: Hopefully this set of Jim Stemp's is a joke considering the temperature. Too bad, for him as big as it was, it still, at 36", was too small to keep.— *Photo by Samir Id-Deen*

NICC announces ice fishing derby winners

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Cold temperatures provided a nice layer of ice on the area's lakes for the Northern Illinois Conservation Club (NICC) 43rd Chain O'Lakes Ice Fishin' Derby and appear to dissuade anyone from participating.

"We are the longest continuously run winter event in the State of Illinois and very proud of that," said publicity director Bonnie Letich.

No legal size Muskie were caught this year.

The largest Northern Pike was caught on Channel Lake by Chris Zeien and measured 32.75 inches. The smallest Northern Pike was caught on the same lake by Dustin Drury and measured an even 25 inches.

Both Pat Seibert and Carl Doty caught the largest Walleyes at 25 inches a piece on Channel Lake. Vince Virgilio and Tim Mastandrea shared a tie at 14 inches on Channel Lake.

In the bass category, Walter Windorff caught a 20.25-incher on Petite Lake and Don Pelletier caught one of the same size on Lake Marie. Paul Lopushok caught the smallest bass on Channel Lake at 14 inches.

Pistakee Lake was home to both the largest and smallest catfish caught. Ernie Bain caught at 29.5-inch fish while Megan Rehm caught one a little over 6.5 inches.

Both of the prize-winning Crappie were caught on Channel Lake. Ryan Runyard caught a 13.5-inch fish, while the smallest came in at 5 inches and was caught by Robert Oukrust.

The largest and smallest Stripped Bass were caught by participants with the last name Jakiel on Lake Marie. Jeremy caught the big one at 13 inches and John, Jr. caught the small one at a little over 6.5 inches.

The largest Perch was nearly 11 inches long and was caught by Charles Witte on Pistakee Lake. Jarrod Fires caught the smallest Perch on Channel Lake and measuring only 4.5 inches.

Both winning Bullhead were caught on Petite Lake. John O'Hara caught an 8-inch long fish and Daniel Winsett caught a 6.5-inch fish.

In the Bluegill/Sunfish/Rock Bass category, Carl Doty caught the largest at a little over 8.5 inches on Channel Lake and Brent Fishburn caught the smallest at a little under 3.5 inches, also on Channel Lake.

L&P's Landing on Channel Lake provided the headquarters and there were three satellites at Pink Harrison's Resort on Pistakee Lake in McHenry, K&S Kempf's on Petite Lake and Sandbar on Lake Marie.

The event raises money for NICC, a group whose motto is "working for conservation." Additionally, two $500 scholarships will be awarded to one student from the College of Lake County and a second to a student from McHenry Community College Student.

The club maintains better than 62 acres of club grounds and donates to similar conservation organizations.

Hourly fishing prizes were awarded for all ten categories at each claiming station for both the largest and the smallest fish. Fish could only be registered once.

Major sponsors this year were Rinella Beverage (distributors of Budweiser), Robinson Wholesale, Antioch Auto Parts, First National Bank-Employee Owned and Rabine & Sons Paving.

Bonds give 'seed money' for infrastructure upgrades

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

No one spoke at the public hearing held for $805,000 general obligation limited tax bonds, and the board of directors approved selling these bonds. The bonds will be used to cover a portion of the costs of a three-year public improvement plan.

Village administrator Mike Haley said, "This will only get us started and won't cover all of the projects we'd like to see done."

The list of proposed upgrades and improvements includes improvements to some park and recreational facilities with public swimming pool specifically mentioned. "This will be seed money for various projects," said Haley. "We need new software, survey equipment, our meeting rooms need updating, our swim facilities are outdated, security at public works facilities needs to be increased and our recording keeping is in dire need of updating."

Mayor Taso Maravelas asked how far behind the village is in updating some of these items. "About 20 years," answered Haley.

Haley said the sale of the bonds would not increase property tax as the 1996 bonds will paid off in December and this would essentially rollover those bonds with the increase of the village's valuation.

"We pay about $90,000 per year plus interest," said Haley.

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OUR TOWN

Julie Murphy

Starting the day with a good pancake breakfast, prepared and served by Boy Scout Troop 85, will provide the energy necessary to give blood at the VFW Hall on Feb. 15.

The scouts are holding their pancake breakfast in conjunction with the LifeSource Blood Services drive sponsored by the VFW for the second time in one year.

Breakfast will be served from 7-11 a.m. for a cost of $3. Blood donations can be made from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dorothee Himber of the Ladies Auxiliary said, "The blood supply all over is very low right now. It's important to do what we can to increase supplies."

To entice people to come give blood, there will be a drawing for a PT Cruiser. Tickets cannot be purchased and are only given to those who donate a pint.

Donors must be 16-years old if accompanied by an adult, or otherwise 18 years old and up.

Identification must be provided. A driver's license, state identification card, passport are acceptable forms of identification. One's social security number must also be provided.

To make an appointment, call 847-226-4811. Walk-in donors are welcome.

The VFW Hall is located at 75 North Avenue, east of Route 83.

The Waukegan Township Republican Organization voted to contribute $500 to the Timothy Osmond Memorial Fund.

Torrie Mark Newson, chair, said, "Tim Osmond was a great friend to the citizens and city of Waukegan regardless of party affiliation. Tim will be sorely missed and we are so pleased that his wife JoAnn is able to carry on his legacy of service and friendship to our community."

Donations to the Timothy Osmond Memorial Fund can be sent c/o State Bank of The Lakes, 440 Lake Street, Antioch, IL 60002.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com



Beach bash

Camilla Pierce plays with a beach ball during "beach day" at the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department's Camp Crayon. Students dressed in summer attire and played beach games.Collin Runyard, a Camp Crayon student, plays in an unfilled pool during the party — *Photos by Sandy Bressner*



SCHOOL DIGEST

St. Peter announces spelling bee winners

Congratulations to sixth-grader Kevin Stone for correctly spelling s-u-b-o-r-d-i-n-a-t-e. Stone is the first place winner in the annual spelling bee at St. Peter School in Antioch.

Sixth-grader Jacob Bowen and eighth-grader Sean Kelly were awarded runner-up honors.

AUGS announces spelling bee winners

Antioch Upper Grade School sixth grade student Chris Inciardi took first place in the annual spelling bee. Seventh-grader Troy Kenny took second place.

Kevin Butler and Tom Zeien tied for third place. Kelsie Green took fifth place.

Arts support referendum

In support of the referendum for Antioch Community Consolidated District 34, the music, art and drama staffs have decided to have a Fine Arts Family Festival on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 2-4 p.m.

"We are planning to have formal performances, art displays, art in the making, and other demonstrations of the fine arts in District 34. This will involve students, teachers and parents from all buildings," said Amy Bendall, media correspondent from the Antioch Upper Grade School.

For more information, call the district office at 847-838-8400.

1983 Classmates sought

Antioch Community High School Class of 1983 is seeking classmates for its 20-year reunion.

For more information, please E-mail meshwurst@comcast.net. The reunion is scheduled for Aug. 9, at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer.

Early childhood screening

Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 offers early childhood developmental screening.

Parents with concerns should consider this. Developmental screening is a brief series of activities and observations designed to identify children who may have a potential problem that requires further assessment.

Screening is available to children between the ages of 3-5 years old and who have not yet entered kindergarten within District 34. To schedule an appointment, call the special education office at 847-838-8422.

AUGS offers voter registration

As a response to the growth and expansion of the community, the Antioch Upper Grade School is offering voter registration for parents between 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

For more information, call the school at 847-838-8300.

St. Peter announces honor roll

Eighth Grade

Highest honors: Sean Kelly and Sarah Larson.

First honors: Karyn Anderson, Bailey Lundman, Max Thain and Paige Tybor.

Second honors: David Cenedella, Catherine Hucker and Patricia Pringle.

Seventh Grade

Highest honors: Laura Gauntt and Joseph Puhr.

First honors: Jessica Bohn, Robert Martens and Kathryn VandenHeuvel.

Second honors: Emileigh Cenedella, Nicole Dykiel, Michael Jandora, Katie Lonergan, Timothy McLynn, Jacob Schweit and Sarah Strack.

Sixth Grade

Highest honors: Juline Lamusga, Alexa Orticelli, Kevin Stone and Molly Thompson.

First honors: Marcus Bland, Jacob Bowen, Alex LaFortune, Brice Lundman, Jordan Palmer, Alex Pechauer, Brennan Talaber, Ian Tune, Megan Walpole and Rachel White.

Second honors: Mark Ano, Matthew Aparo, Valerie Brzezinski, Lauren Colette, Lauren Hall, Amy Hoehne, Meghan Mulloy, Kyle Mumenthaler, Max O'Connell, Shannon Ranzini, Andrew Rapinchuk, Max Ring, Robert Schartz, Joseph Suopys and Ryan Tamalunas.

Fifth Grade

Highest honors: Mary O'Connell, Solange Simpson and Rachel Tack.

First honors: Daniel Carlsen, Brittany Fields, Jessica Jakubowski, Derek Jordan, Kathryn Konopka, Gabija Malakauskaite, Nick Marsalek, Kailey Moon, Stephanie Pringle and Stephen Puhr.

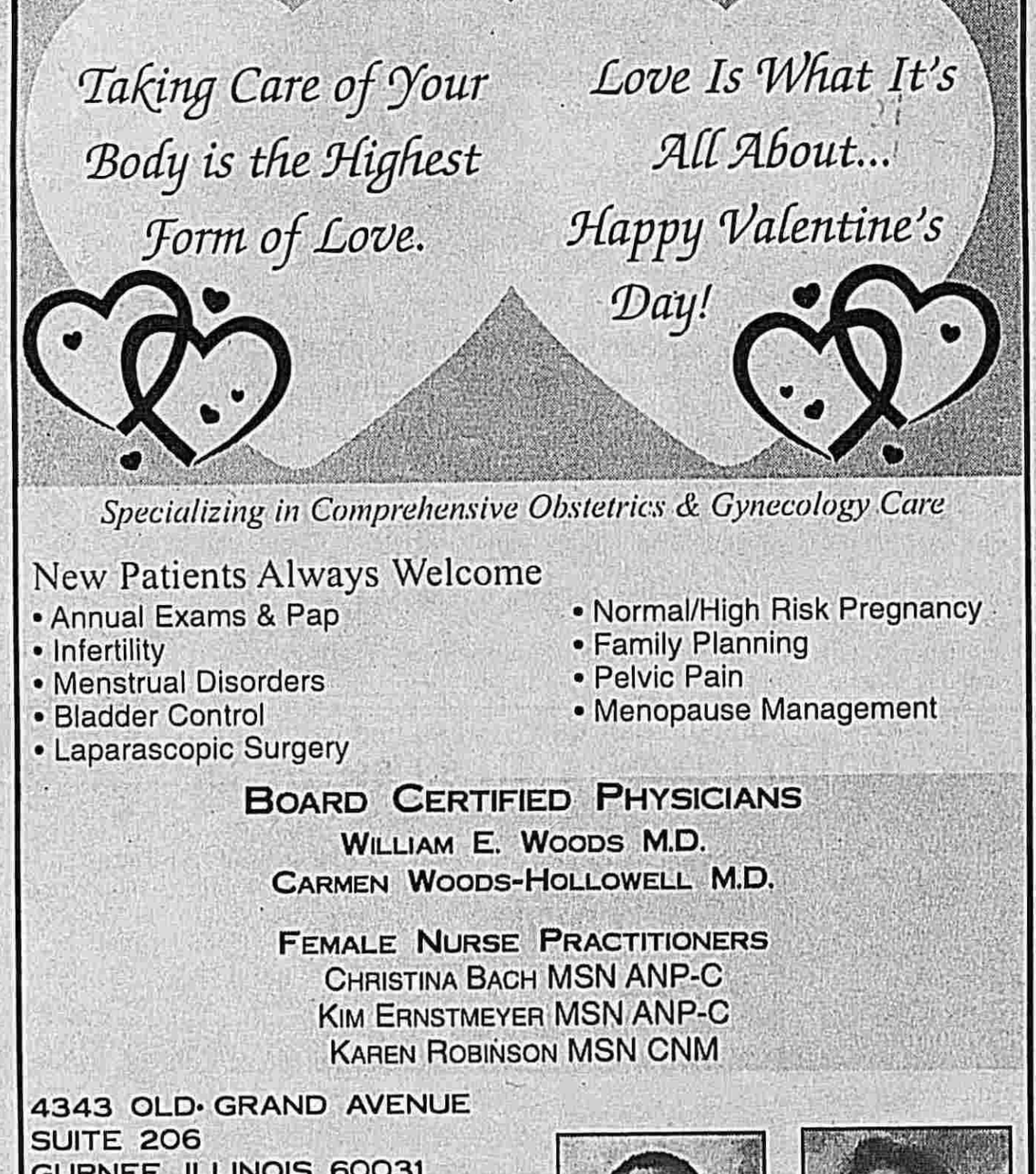
Second honors: Zachary Augustin, Shannon Cahill, Stephanie Johnson, Kaitlyn Mulloy, Trevor Stein and Tyler Tamalunas.

Fourth Grade

Highest honors: Dominique Bessette and Colin Cenedella.

First honors: Savana Bailey, Sarah Colette, Benjamin Dykiel, Julie Keenan, Cara Lamusga, Kady Lynch, MacArthur Scully and David Wilson.

Second honors: Catherine Dinklenburg, Emily Konopka, Samantha Kozenski, Jack Palmer, Richard Sledz, Laura Stangel, Alex Wantrobski and Kelly West.



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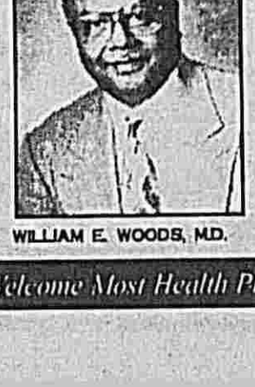
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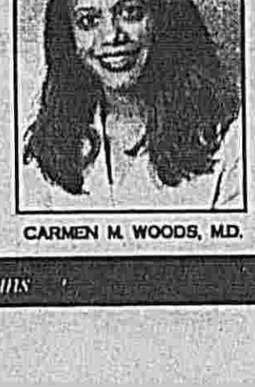
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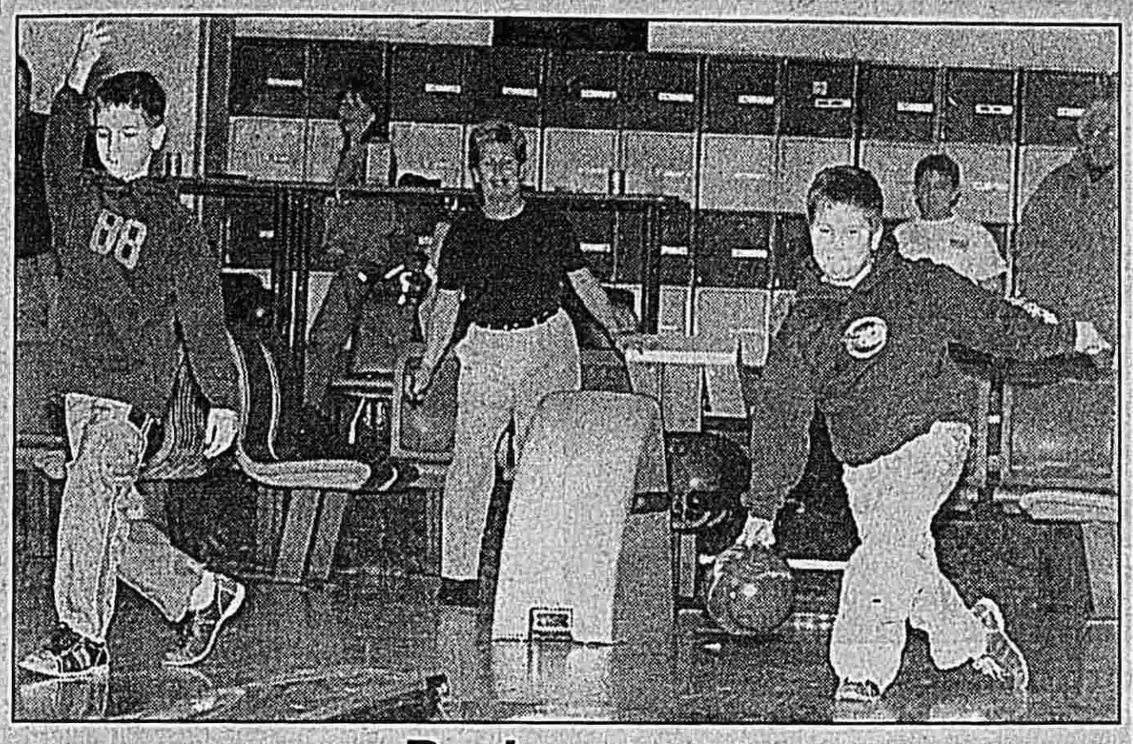

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Bowl you over

Nolan Heath and Matt Palm try for a strike under the watchful eye of Antioch Parks and Recreation instructor Sandy Kelley at the Antioch Lanes.— *Photo by Samir Id-Deen*

Driver flees accident scene

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Joshua M. Waylander, 25, of 507 Longview Drive, Antioch, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after he left the scene of an accident on Feb. 9 on Route 59 south of Bowles Road.

A witness advised the communication center of the Antioch Police Department that the driver of the vehicle had crossed the double yellow line, overcorrected, and then drove into the ditch near Bowles Road. Reportedly, the witness approached the driver and asked twice if he was injured and Waylander answered, "I will, I will."

The witness said Waylander then fled the scene of the accident through the trees on foot heading eastbound.

Police, on the way to the accident scene, said they saw Waylander stumbling in the tree line on Harden Street from Hillside. The officer asked his name and detected the strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath.

Waylander was taken back to the scene and identified by the witness as the driver. He was arrested for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

At the Antioch Police Department, Waylander agreed to chemical blood testing, resulting in a .200 BAC, according to police. He was issued additional citations for failure to reduce speed resulting in an accident, DUI over .08 and improper lane usage because of the skid marks left at the accident scene.

When asked why he left, Waylander said he was afraid to stay and had never been in trouble before and never drove drunk. He was released on personal recognizance pending his March 4 court date.

POLICE BEAT

Persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

DUI

Matthew C. Schultz, 25, of 291 Joanna Court, Antioch, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Feb. 9 at 1:27 a.m. on Main Street at Depot Street.

Police saw his vehicle turn into a parking lot without signaling, circle through and exit. As the vehicle passed the officer, it was "weaving severely."

The officer detected the strong odor of alcoholic beverage on Schultz's breath, and he failed all field sobriety tests requested of him. He was arrested and issued citations for DUI and improper lane usage.

During inventory for tow, the officer found a plastic cup that contained a beverage that smelled of alcohol. A check through LEADS/SOS came back with information that Schultz had a suspended driver's license.

Schultz agreed to chemical testing with a result of .227 blood alcohol concentration. He was issued additional citations for failure to signal turn, operating an uninsured vehicle, driving while suspended, DUI over .08 and the illegal transportation of alcohol.

Schultz was held in a cell as he was unable to secure bond.

No valid driver's license

Alfonso D. Ayala, 29, of 624 Picadilly Lane, Antioch, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license on Feb. 8 at 5:17 p.m. on North Avenue at Garys Drive.

He was locked traveling 51 mph in a 30-mph zone. A check through LEADS/SOS came back with no record of a driver's license. He was arrested and issued citations for speeding and no valid driver's license.

Ayala paid cash bond and was released pending his March 12 court date.

Patrick W. McClaughry, 29, of 41081 N. First Street, Antioch, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license on Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of routes 173 and 83.

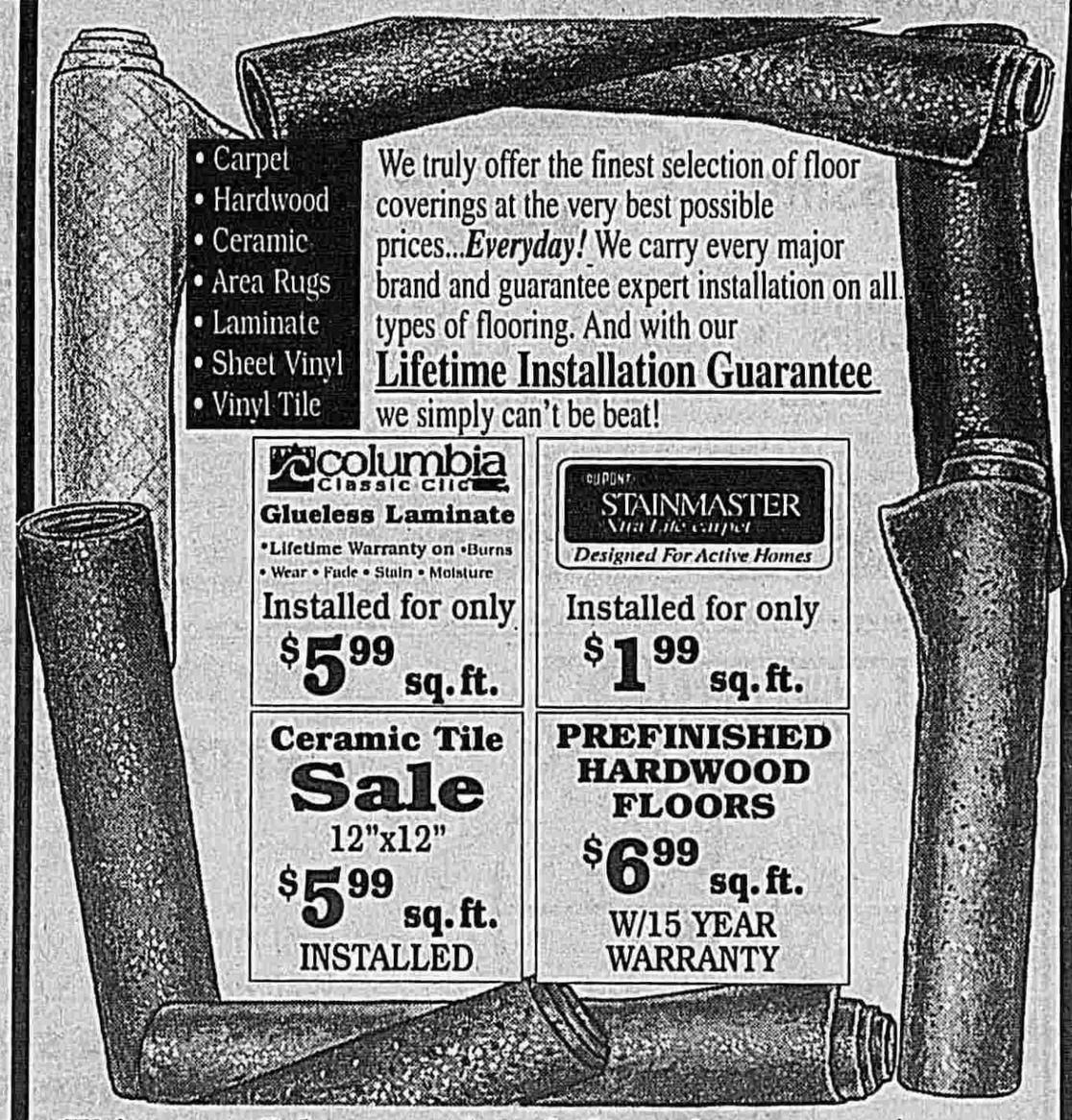
He was stopped for having no front registration plate. A check through LEADS/NCIC came back with information that his driver's license expired in 1994.

McClaughry was arrested and issued citations for no valid driver's license, no front license plate and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released on personal recognizance pending his Feb. 26 court date.


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Gale

First National Bank-Employee Owned (FNBEO) with locations at 485 Lake Street in Antioch and 36044 N. Brookside Drive in Gurnee announces the addition of a new Employee Owner.

Penny Gale has joined FNBEO as a full time receptionist at the bank's Antioch facility. Gale is a resident of Antioch where she lives with her husband and daughter.

As a full service community bank, FNBEO offers Traditional Bank Services, Vault Deposit Boxes, Freddie Mac Mortgages, Installment loans and Home Equity Programs. For more information on FNBEO or its products and services, please call (847) 838-BANK (2265) or access FNBEOs Web Site at www.fnbeo.com.



Shoot for the stars

Brandon Richardson of ingleside practices his ball handling while waiting for his chance to take part in a free throw shooting contest held at St. Peters School in Antioch. The Knights of Columbus in Antioch sponsored the event.— *Photo by Samir id-Deen*

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FUR

Moulchin defended his residency. "I've lived here since 1993," he said. "That house was listed and sold with Larry Fales this past summer." Moulchin's house under construction was to be ready by Feb. 1, though that completion date was not met.

Mouchin said the purpose of the residency law is intent and cited elements of residency. He said, "(Candidate) must remain there as permanent home, demonstrate intention to remain a resident." He added that one does not lose residency by a temporary move.

Moulchin noted that his two daughters attend school within Antioch Community Consolidated District 34, and that he was not asked to pay tuition for the time being while he is living outside of Antioch.

Village attorney Bob Long confirmed that intent of residency is shown, in part, by where the wife and children are.

While Rowe didn't feel that Moulchin met both requirements of residency: physical presence and intent to remain, fellow board members Wayne Foresta and Michelle Wiejaczka did.

CAPSULE

complete with the family swimming pool, and indicated he would bury his capsule by the tree near the back fence.

Mary Ann Thompson, another parent in the volunteer force, said, "The boys discovered when studying nostalgia and history in their (Cub Scout) books that if you didn't have something in your possession about history, you can't learn about history. This was a way for them to create their own history."

The troop is made up of scouts Dakota Didier, Vince Heywood Jr., Jacob Jost, Kevin Lehest, Michael McHugh, Max Rundle, Damian Simonini, Alex Summerfelt, Christian Schuardt, Ben Schulz, and Josh Thompson. The troop has two mascots (younger brothers/sisters) Kyle Heywood and Natalie Summerfelt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good happening

Last evening was foggy and misty, my husband and I were returning home, when we got a flat tire. We pulled to the side of the street and were trying to change the tire. A gentleman was pulling out of his driveway and asked if everything was okay. I told him I thought so. A few minutes later two young people stopped and asked if we needed help. I told them my husband was having some difficulty.

In the meantime, the first gentleman had driven back to lend us his flashlight to use. The young man jacked up the car so the other tire could be put on and placed the flat in the trunk for us.

How commendable these people were to stop and help someone on such a terrible evening. The news media only reports bad news. With all these things that are happening in the world today, we need to hear about the good things that people do for other people.

Grace M. Klean
Bistol, Wis.

Shoe fits

After reading the recent rambling "my turn" letter to the editor by Scott Pierce, Antioch trustee, there is a definite foul smell of "cronyism" in the air.

Mr. Pierce without doubt has betrayed the trust of the citizens of Antioch. He ran for office on a platform promise to support controlled and sensible growth. And now, instead, he approves whatever commercialization scheme the mayor and his associates want to "bank" in on.

He talks about the Antioch budget, but he does not heed the voters who want quality of life, not just quantity.

Mr. Pierce, in his ramblings, strongly took up the political defense of the mayor. Why did he feel compelled to defend the mayor? During recent Antioch planning and zoning meetings. I have seen the mayor of Antioch giggle, snortle, and poke his assistant in the ribs gently laughing, when we citizens have wanted to have a chance to speak, and we were not given the privilege to speak by the Planning and Zoning head, just told to "be quiet" and listen to the commercialization schemes.

Mr. Pierce states he was deeply saddened by critical comments from the citizens regarding himself and the mayor. Well, if the shoe fits, wear it.

Alan R. Caswell
Antioch

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LOCAL DIGEST

Ponds unsafe for skating

Though the intention was to allow skating back by the William E. Brook Wetlands, the ponds do not form a solid enough surface to make it safe.

The village reports that wildlife such as beavers and the flow of the ponds prevents them from freezing sufficiently. The parks department hopes to have an alternative area for skating next year.

Signs are posted at the site.

Absentee ballots available

The deadline date to request an absentee ballot for the April 1 consolidated election is Feb. 20. To request a form, call the Lake County Clerk's office at 847-360-3610.

Additionally, voters may go directly to the Lake County Clerk's office and complete it there in person.

After March 10, voters may do this at the Antioch Township office between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The last day to vote on the absentee ballot is March 31.

German Club hosts dance

The German American Club of Antioch presents its annual Faschings Dance (masquerade dance) on March at the VFW Hall at 130 E. Grand Avenue (Route 132) in Lake Villa.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $8.

Costumes are not required, but make the evening more festive.

Parent University returns for spring session

There is no degree that certifies one to be a parent, yet it is the most important role in life. Parent University is scheduled to return on March 15 at 9 a.m. at the Antioch Community High School.

There will be break out sessions (10:15am - 11:15 & 11:30 - 12:30pm) on topics titled: 1-2-3 Magic; Divorce & the Impact on Youth; Strengthening Relationships; The Cure for the Common Curse; The Interim Year, Taking a Look at Taking Time Off; The Wonder Years; ADD/HD and Depression; and Brain Gym.

Advanced registration cost is $10.00 for the first family member and $5.00 for each additional member. Registration must be received by March 7, 2003. After March 7, registration at the door will cost an additional $5.00 per registrant. Registration fees include workshops, resource fair and continental breakfast.

If you have any questions please call Tim Noonan at ACHS 847-395-1421 extension 7644, or Chris Newton at Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 at 847-838-8400.

Band seeks members

Lakes Area Community Band, a 40-member band comprised of musicians from Lake, McHenry & Kenosha counties, is currently seeking musicians high school age and older in all sections. Practices take place on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Antioch Community High School band room.

New members are welcome. No auditions are required. For more information, call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

Knights of Columbus meet

Knights of Columbus (Father Henderson Council 3800) meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Father Frawley Hall, located in the basement of St. Peter Church.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Family Fraternal service organization that volunteers time and money to charitable and benevolent causes. Practicing Catholic men over the age of 18 years old are eligible to join.

For more information, call St. Peter Church Rectory at 847-395-0274.

CPR classes held

The Antioch Rescue Squad and the Antioch Fire Dept. offer CPR classes to the public on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Antioch Fire Dept. located at 835 Holbek Dr.

The fee of $5-$15 per person (depending on the class needed) is payable at the time of the class. For more information or to make reservations, call the Antioch Fire Dept. at 847-395-5511.

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Name: Dipak Shishodia

Home: Round Lake Heights

Occupation: Manager of Cardinal Liquors in Lindenhurst

Community involvement: Gurat Culture (Indian cultural organization)

I'm originally from: India

I graduated from: High school in India

My family consists of: Wife, Rajeshri, and daughters, Amy (12) and Dolly (10)

What I like best about Lindenhurst: The people are good people.

What I like best about my job: Meeting different people

The secret to my success is: Hard work

I relax by: I hardly relax, but every five years I go to India and relax there for a couple of months.

My perfect day in Lindenhurst would be: Going to a restaurant and doing a little shopping

Last book I read: "The History of Krishna"

Favorite TV show: I like Indian movies, but my kids like "Family Matters" and "Sister, Sister."

Favorite movie: Of American movies, I like "Ghandi." It is about a part of Indian history that happened before I was born.

Favorite band or musician: R. D. Burman, a popular Indian musician

Favorite restaurant: Taco Bell

Favorite food: Masala gosa, a vegetarian Indian dish

If I won the lottery, I would: Share with my friends and family and try to help everyone who needed it. Then I'd retire forever.

My greatest accomplishment is: My kids

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Calendar

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A 14-day notice is requested for all items.

Friday, February 14
Happy Valentine's Day!

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. For details, call 847-356-6181

Saturday, February 15
10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat & Sun., Lake County's Home & Outdoor Living Expo held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Rte. 45 and Rte. 120 in Grayslake. Over a hundred booths of home products and services to explore. Bring the whole family! Sponsored by Lakeland Media and Market Journal. For more info., call 847-231-4000

1 p.m., The Lake County Doll Collectors meet at the Milbyrn Congregation Church on Hwy 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072

Sunday, February 16
1 p.m., "Be My Valentine" event sponsored by Save-A-Pet animal shelter, 31664 N. Fairfield Rd. in Grayslake. All are welcome to attend. Guest speakers, raffle, food and more. For more info., call 847-740-7788

Monday, February 17
12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

7:30 p.m., Regular meeting of the Antioch Village Board held at village hall, 874 Main St.

7:30 pm, Antioch Coin Club meets in the lower level conference room at The State Bank of the Lakes, 440 Lake St. in Antioch. All are welcome. For more call Jo Anne at 847-395-4738

Lakes Area Community Band, a 40-member band comprised of musicians from Lake, McHenry & Kenosha counties, is currently seeking musicians high school age and older in all sections. Practices take place on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the ACHS band room, 1133 Rte. 83, Antioch. New members are welcome. No auditions required. Call Debbie at 847-395-0272

Tuesday, February 18
6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance and exercise class downstairs at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr (behind the fire station). Call 47-395-6244

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 847-395-5393

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rte. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 356-6181 for info.

7:30 p.m., Volunteer information session for anyone interested in helping with Habitat for Humanity Lake County held at the office, 315 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Waukegan. From office workers to construction workers, volunteers are needed for many different tasks. No obligation for attending. For more info., call 847-623-1020 or visit www.habitatlc.org

Wednesday, February 19
10 a.m., La Leche League of Central Lake County meets at the United Methodist Church on Sherwood, south of Grand Ave. and west of Rte. 83, in Lake Villa. Call Karen at 847-918-1257

1-3:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m., Two Poetry Slams held in the Atrium at the College of Lake County. These are competitive poetry readings. All are welcome to read their own poetry or join the audience. These events are free, and sponsored by the CLC Literary Arts Club

6:30 p.m., TOPS Weight Loss weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, info. at 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143

7-9 p.m., "Gardening for Beginners: The Basics," a Univ. of Illinois Extension service class, takes place at the Extension offices, 100 S. Hwy 45 in Grayslake. Learn the basic concepts in gardening including soil, planting, maintenance and weed control. No charge, but space is limited, so advance registration encouraged. A second session on this topic will be held on Feb. 26. To register, or for more info., call 847-223-8627

7 p.m., Village of Antioch Park Board meets at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 395-1000

7 p.m., Burlington Genealogical Society meets at the Public Library, corner of Pine and Jefferson St. Call Marion at 414-763-6981

7:30 p.m., The Republican Club meets at Antioch Twp. Hall, 847-395-1670

4-6 p.m., The Lake County Health Department will be at the Antioch VFW Post #4451, 75 North Ave. Immunizations of all types are avail. at a low cost. For more info., call the Health Dept. at 847-360-6761

Thursday, February 20
8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets at In-Laws restaurant in Gurnee, guests invited, call 847-548-5305

12-2 p.m., Advocates for FMS (Fibromyalgia) support group now meets in the Community Building at 884 Main St. in Antioch. For more information call Kathy at 847-395-3716

7:30 p.m., Meeting of Northern Lake County Compassionate Friends Chapter held at Millburn Church, corner of Grass Lake Rd. and Rte. 45 in Millburn. Guest speaker on grief issues. For more info., call 847-395-8597 or visit www.iltch.org

Friday, February 21
7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

7:30-10:30 p.m., Lake County Astronomical Society meets at Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting is followed by a viewing period starting at 9:30 p.m. For info., call 847-362-0959

Saturday, February 22
1-3 p.m., February Artist of the Month, Laryssa LeFebve, will demonstrate her drawing at the Salem Community Library, 24615 89th St. in Salem, Wis. Her work will be displayed during the month of Feb. at the library. Call 262-843-3348

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Sharon Westbrook

Valentine's Day is that special day to remember the ones you love. What is love? Here are a few sayings about love:

Work is love made visible.

Faults are thick when love is thin.

Where love is, there God is.

We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.

Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed; it always brings in big returns.

A friend is one who knows all about you and still loves you.

Pure religion is love in action.

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

Love sees through a telescope, not a microscope.

Love and Laughter

Mrs. - Do you love me still? Mr. - Yes, better than any other way.

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What the Bible has to say about love

The Bible has many verses about love. Three particular passages describe what "real love" is. Those passages are as follows:

"For love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave.

It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned." - Song of Songs 8: 6-7

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." I Corinthians: 13: 4-8

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

ACHS Varsity Team Awards

Steve Schoenfelder, Activities Director for Antioch Community High School, has announced the I.H.S.A. Team Achievement Awards for the 1st Semester. All members of the teams must maintain a 3.0 (B) grade point average. The Varsity Teams receiving the awards are the Girls' Tennis, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, and Boys' and Girls' Golf.

Readers with information for "News-Worthy" should call Sharon Westbrook at 847-395-3079.
E-mail: Newsworthysw@aol.com

Smorgasbord sends you an invite

Salem United Methodist Church in Salem, Wis. is extending an invitation for families to enjoy the church's annual smorgasbord on Saturday, March, 1 from 2:30-6:30 p.m.

The menu includes salad bar, meatballs, chicken, roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert and beverage. Tickets are available at the door with cost being $6.50 for adults, $3 for children between 6-10 years old. Children under 5 years old are free.

Handicapped seating and serving is available on the ground level.

The church is located at 25130 85th Street, Salem, Wis., one block west of Route 83. For more information, call 262-843-2525.

Eagle 50 travelers plan trips

March will be a big month for the First National Bank-Employee Owned's Eagle 50 Travelers club as members will be going on several day trips and a couple of overnighters.

"We have some great trips planned for 2003. Our travelers will have the opportunity to visit places such as Sedona, Arizona; the Mall of America; Branson, Missouri; Scandinavia and more," said Kathy Nixon, club coordinator for FNBEO.

Upcoming in March, the club will be offering trips to Oneida Bingo and Casino in Green Bay, Wis.; to the "Little Shop of Horrors" playing at Drury Lane in Oakbrook; to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show; to Sedona, Arizona; to Ho-Chunk Casino in Baraboo, Wis.; and to the Hollywood Casino in Aurora.

These trips are not limited to travel club members, but members receive a $5 discount on day trips or $25 discount on extended travel. Transportation on deluxe motor coaches features videos, complementary sweet rolls, juices, pop and snacks.

Those interested in receiving an updated Eagle 50 Travelers schedule should call Nancy Rentner at 847-838-2265. Trips are provided in conjunction with Antioch-based Bernie on the Go, a company specializing in trips that include motor coach transportation and fully escorted tours.

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LAST CALL

John Phelps



First at last

When it comes to high school girl's gymnastics around these parts, most eyes seem to focus on state powers Warren and Stevenson.

Better take notice because there is another group of girl's who are making a return to glory. Something Carmel's Sarah Mikrut is pretty familiar with.

The second-year head coach has that competitive fire that burned inside her when she was busy winning state titles in the sports while attending Carmel in the early-90s.

Ironically, that was the last time Carmel had won a regional. And to do it while hosting its first-ever regional that's what makes this even more special for the Corsairs.

Carmel, on the strength of its season-best score of 145.300 raced to the regional title over the weekend.

"That score was our best (this season) by four points," the coach said. "It was the first meet we've had in awhile where everyone was healthy. And the result—everyone hit! And that was even with three falls."

It was an especially sweet accomplishment for sophomore Danni Doll, who posted her season-best score of 9.050, earned her third on the bars. Pretty good, seeing that Doll missed most of the first have of the season with a broken fibula. In fact, this was her third meet back.

"I still can't do vault," said Doll. "It was easier coming back on bars, though. But for us to win a regional, this feels great. There's so much team chemistry. We've improved so much."

Senior all-arounder Jessica Fitzharris attributed the regional title to hard work and preparation.

"We practiced for two weeks for this type of situation with trying to block out the noise and distractions," said Fitzharris, who finished third in the all-around with a score of 36.100. "It was really cool though having mostly Carmel up there on the podium when they presented the awards."

Freshman Laura Valkman took the all-around title after winning the floor and bars.

Freshman Caylee McGrath won the vault. Fitzharris and senior running mate Nicole Gluzinski finished tied for third in the all-around.

"After our vault routine, we knew we were pumped for this meet," said Mikrut.

Better get pumped up again—the Stevenson sectionals await Feb. 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. On the line, a trip to Palatine.

The Corsair roster includes Julia Fiorelli, Sarah Esquerra, Sarah Linder, Holly Sucech, Beth Herdmann, McGrath, Fitzharris, Amanda Andreasik, Jen Plescia, Valkman, Patti Kaster, Gluzinski and Doll.

Carmel student Quintin Cappelle also played a stirring rendition of the National Anthem on the trumpet.

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What's on Tap....

(Big game hunting for week of 2-9-03)

Feb. 14

Boys' basketball
Antioch at Libertyville, 7:30 p.m.
Girls' bowling
State meet at Cherry Lanes in Rockford, 10 a.m.
Girls' gymnastics
Sectional meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Individual sectionals at Barrington, 5 p.m.

Feb. 15

Boys' basketball
Deerfield at Antioch, 7:30 p.m.
Girls' bowling
State meet at Cherry Lanes in Rockford, 10 a.m.
Boys' swimming
NSC Meet at Vernon Hills, 10 a.m.
Wrestling
Individual sectionals at Barrington, 11 a.m./4 p.m.

Feb. 18

Women's basketball
CLC at Morton, 5:15 p.m.
Men's basketball
CLC at Morton, 7:15 p.m.

Springfield, here we come

By JOE PRUSKI
Lakeland Correspondent

A year of firsts for the Antioch High School cheerleading squad will continue at the state cheerleading championship in March.

In their first year in the co-ed division of the first year of cheerleading becoming an official IHSA sport, the Antioch cheerleaders have returned to the state finals in their first attempt since missing the opportunity a year ago.

The Sequoits score of 358.3 was out of a possible 400, good enough for third place at the Downers Grove South regional and a trip to the state finals.

The team began the season with two male cheerleaders, however one dropped out before the regional, leaving Antioch with one male in a division with teams made up of half of each gender.

"The fear factor for us was high because we were up against teams that had one guy for every girl," said coach Robyn Gwinn.

Along with having a male quit, four other cheerleaders also left the team mid season, making up for one of the many setbacks that have taken place this year.

Earlier in the season Antioch hired a University of Nebraska instructor to help develop a new routine; however, the plan failed, and the team was forced to move on without any aid.

"This teams unity is what separates them from past teams," said Gwinn. "We've been through so much together, and no matter what happens we can pull through. The team isn't all best friends, but they've worked hard together for a common purpose, and they've stayed very focused."



There was plenty of smiling as the Antioch cheerleaders earned trip to the State championships in Springfield after finishing third at the Downers Grove South regional. The Sequoits scored 358.3 out of a possible 400 points.

Aside from last season, Antioch had qualified for 17 straight state tournaments, with their best showing being a sixth place finish.

"At this point in the season our goal was just to go to state, and now that we're down there its an open market," said Gwinn. "Every team basically starts from scratch, what was done earlier in the season doesn't matter. My goal is to finish in the top half."

The Cheerleading state finals will take place at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in Springfield on March 8.

Aside from the success of the team, several individual cheerleaders have also earned recognition. Courtney Kohlstedt and Brittany Wiegal have both been given the opportunity to interview with the Universal Cheerleaders Association to work with them as instructors next year.

Second season looms for Lady Sequoit hoops

By JOE PRUSKI
Lakeland Correspondent

An up-and-down season landed the Antioch High School girl's basketball team the No. 12 seed in the 18-team sectional tournament, which will be hosted by Antioch. Two semifinal games will be played on Mon., Feb. 24, at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The sectional title game will then take place Thurs., Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

As for now, Head Coach Don Zeman and the girls are in the midst of preparing for regional action. The coach had mixed emotions about his team's seeding.

"Our seed could have been higher since we have beaten teams that were seeded ahead of us; but we finished under .500 so we can't complain," said Zeman.

As for regional action, the Sequoits will kick off the playoffs against No. 18 seed Round Lake as part of the Grayslake regional on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

"(Round Lake) is a good offensive team, so we're going to have to play good solid defense," said Zeman. "We'll rely on our defense setting the tone for the game."

The winner of the Antioch- Round Lake match up will take on the 22-5 Grayslake Rams the following day at 6 p.m. Grayslake earned the No. 3 seed.

Antioch was knocked out of the playoffs in the first round last year after losing to an undefeated Lake Zurich team that went on to finish fourth in the state.

According to Zeman, the team has had a tough time beating quality teams as of late.

"We haven't been able to get over the hump with quality teams," he said. "We've played well since Christmas, but we've run into a tough stretch when we've hit the top teams in the conference.

Eight of Antioch's 15 losses this season have come courtesy of Libertyville, Lake Forest, Warren and Stevenson.

"We've been able to play with them in stretches, but not outscore them for four periods," said Zeman.

Antioch will head into the playoffs posting a record of 11-15 with a record of 1-9 in conference.

Jennie Dewar has remained the most consistent player for Antioch, averaging 15 points per game as well as 8.5 rebounds per game. Senior guard Emily Bock has also come on strong near the end of the season, with three straight double figure games.

"(Dewar) has remained consistent for us; when we get her the ball she's making good things happen," said Zeman.

Bowled over

A season of highs and lows ended last weekend as the Antioch High School bowling team failed to advance anyone to the state competition this weekend at Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

The Sequoits finished 10th overall in the Vernon Hills sectional at Hawthorn Lanes.

"We didn't do too well," said Head Coach Steve Haenchen. "Overall, we just couldn't really find our shot. We struggled all day."

Susie Martz led Antioch with a 1028 series. Rachel Finkelbar was next with a three-game tally of 992, followed by Jessica Hartel (972), Rachel Kemer (971) and Rachel DeBoer (907).

The obvious low point of the season came with the tragic death of teammate Kelly O'Connell earlier in the year. Teammates commented later that the loss helped them become closer as friends and as a team.

A definite plus to the season is that of Antioch's top five bowlers, four will be returning next year.

"Overall I think we had a pretty good season," said Haenchen. "We have a very young team, and most of our bowlers will be returning next year."

Martz, the only senior of the five, had a solid season for Antioch and provided a nice atmosphere to be around, according to Haenchen.

"She's been with us all four years of her high school career, and she's been a lot of fun," he said. "She's got a very bubbly personality and has been an asset to the team. She was a lot of fun to be around."

Warren won the Vernon Hills Sectional with a team score of 5303. Palatine also qualified for the state meet after finishing second at 5,253.—*Joe Pruski*

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The SUPER 17 Girls' Basketball

Team	Comment	Regionals
1. Grayslake (21-5)	Ming, Lady Rams on roll with 10 straight wins	vs. Antioch/Round Lake winner at Grayslake Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
2. Lake Forest (22-4)	Balanced scoring as Scouts run table in NSC Lake	vs. Mundelein at Mundelein Feb. 17, 6 p.m.
3. Warren (20-7)	Devils hope three-game skid is thing of the past	vs. N. Chicago/Waukegan winnerat Zion Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
4. Carmel (17-9)	Lady Corsairs hoping not to make early playoff exit	vs. Zion-Benton at Zion Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
5. Grant (19-5)	NSC Prairie co-champs earn school record 19 wins	vs. Cary-Grove at Grayslake Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
6. Vernon Hills (19-8)	NSC Prairie co-champs looking for post-season run	vs. Libertyville at Mundelein Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
7. Stevenson (16-13)	Pats not used to sub-par record, but used to playoffs	vs. Loyola at Stevenson Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
8. Libertyville (13-13)	Lady Cats one of best .500 teams around	vs. V. Hills at Mundelein Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
9. Johnsburg (13-11)	Winners of three straight look to carry on momentum	vs. Woodstock at McHenry Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
10. Zion-Benton (13-13)	Tough opening assignment with Lady Corsairs	vs. Carmel at Zion Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
11. North Chicago (13-13)	Lady Warhawks showing signs of life at right time	vs. Waukegan at Zion Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
12. Antioch (11-15)	Sequoits hope road leads back to Antioch for sectionals	vs. Round Lake at Grayslake Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
13. Mundelein (9-20)	Can Mustangs give champ Scouts a run for their money?	vs. Lake Forest at Mundelein Feb. 17, 6 p.m.
14. Wauconda (7-16)	Bulldogs tangle with Fox Valley champion Chargers	vs. D.-Crown at Barrington Feb. 17, 6 p.m.
15. Lake Zurich (6-20)	Wipe the records clean for Krause	vs. Barrington at Barrington Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
16. Waukegan (3-24)	Effort there but Bulldogs could use some good luck	vs. N. Chicago at Zion Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
17. Round Lake (2-23)	Almost knock off NSC Prairie co-champ Vernon	vs. Antioch at Grayslake Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.



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Prep scene

The **Antioch High School** student council sponsored **"Pack the Place"** activity created to boost school spirit took place at Antioch last week.

Different "dress up days" took place Monday through Friday, while a pep assembly was held Friday afternoon.

Students were encouraged to attend both the boy's game on Thursday night, as well as the girl's game on Friday.

Although both Antioch teams lost, student council members considered the week a success.

"It went well," said student council member Ashley Ginascol. "We had nice turnout at the game, and the students enjoyed participating in all the activities that the student council planned throughout the week."

This was the second consecutive year that a winter school spirit week took place, and maybe not the last.

"I think it will be continued. Each year we try to build on what worked the year before, and change things that didn't work," said Ginascol. "I think it's a nice addition to honor all the winter activities going on."

According to school officials, attendance for the boy's game was up, while there was little change in the girl's attendance.—*Joe Pruski*

Summer basketball league at CLC

College of Lake County head men's basketball coach Shawn Chism has announced that there are openings for three more teams for this summer's **College of Lake County 2003 Boy's Prep Summer Basketball League**. The league, which will be held in the CLC gymnasium, will feature 10 teams and run for six weeks starting June 10. Games will be played on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning at 5 p.m. Each team will play 10 games in the regular season with the final week dedicated to playoffs.

The entry fee is $200 per team and must be paid by Feb. 28. Make checks payable to College of Lake County Athletics and sent to Gene Hanson, Athletic Director, College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake, 60030.

Any questions can be directed towards Coach Chism at 847-543-2794 or CLC women's head basketball coach Bill Braman at 847-543-2478.

News and notes

Celeste Pregracke of the Court Aces in Libertyville has announced that the **Top O' The Hill Club** is ready to start hiking again. The club, for singles aged 50- and-older, has scheduled hikes for Feb. 15 and Mar. 1 at the Starved Rock Area. There is no cost but a contribution to gas is appreciated. The weather at this time of year is always a factor and will determine if the hike is cancelled or moved to a closer location.

Please sign-up in advance. To register or for further information, please call Celeste at 847-662-5038.

It might be chilly and there may be snow on the ground but that doesn't mean the golf enthusiast can start getting into the spirit for the upcoming season. Let the **20th Annual Chicago Golf Show** help get those golfing juices going. This year, the event will be held Feb. 14-16 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, located on River Rd. just south of I-90.

Come and check out the latest in new equipment as well as golf travel opportunities. Golfers can also get the kinks out of their swing by hitting shots at any one of 26 hitting stations. There will be plenty of raffles, giveaways and contests, including a longest putt. One-on-one instruction by PGA Professionals is also available.

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Tournaments/competitions

The entry deadline for the **Lake County Women's Bowling Association's annual championship** is Feb. 22. The competition starts on Mar. 1 and will conclude Mar. 15 at Lakes Bowl in Round Lake.

Singles, doubles and team play will highlight the competition. To register, please contact Pat Christensen at 847-587-2702. Entry forms are also available at most area bowling centers.

Hastings Lake makes splash at Iguana meet

The Hastings Lake YMCA swimmers were at it again, picking up numerous top finishes at the Iguana Meet held at The University of Illinois-Chicago campus. More competition awaits as the Stingrays will be competing in a meet at the Lattoff YMCA in Des Plaines on Sat., Feb. 15. First events are scheduled to begin at noon. Folloiwng the meet at Lattoff, the team will have districts and the State meet.

Girls 11-12
200 freestyle
Garland, Kelly A., 2:24.90; Danielle E. Lindquist, 2:30.76; Katie Ostrander, 2:35.03; Alyson Craig, 2:51.20.
Boys 11-12
200 freestyle
Joseph A. Burg, 2:10.56.
Girls 9-10
100 IM
Mesa M. Schmidt, 1:18.28; Dominique A. Bessette, 1:19.38; Shannon B. Zalewski, 1:23.45; Stephanie E. Kramer 1:30.52; Rachel E. Burg, 1:30.71; Sarah Warren, 1:32.51.
Boys 9-10
100 IM
Tyler Craig, 1:28.79; Steven Ostrander, 1:30.80.
Girls 9-10
50 freestyle
Michelle E. Garland, 31.69; Mesa M. Schmidt, 32.02; Shannon B. Zalewski, 33.58; Stephanie E. Kramer, 34.56; Victoria Simpson, 36.27; Taylor J. Aerne, 37.25; Sarah Warren, 37.74; Rachel E. Burg, 39.35.
Boys 9-10
50 freestyle
Tyler Craig, 36.14; Steven Ostrander, 37.71; Jamie Landry, 38.07; Ben Guhl, 50.54.
Girls 11-12
50 freestyle
Danielle E. Lindquist, 29.27; Kelly A. Garland 29.83; Molly H. Snittjer, 31.18; Alyson Craig, 32.88; Katie Ostrander, 33.08; Nikki Woloshyn, 33.71; Emma Regnier, 34.53; Sara Kees, 34.68; Megan Corbett, 40.10.
Boys 11-12
50 freestyle
Joseph A. Burg, 25.87.
Girls 9-10
50 butterfly
Michelle E. Garland, 34.44; Dominique A. Bessette, 36.79; Shannon B. Zalewski, 37.36; Mesa M. Schmidt, 38.59.
Girls 11-12
50 butterfly
Molly H. Snittjer, 33.10; Yasmine A. Bessette, 33.79.
Boys 11-12
50 butterfly
Joseph A. Burg, 29.26.
Girls 9-10
100 freestyle
Stephanie E. Kramer, 1:17.24; Victoria Simpson, 1:22.62; Taylor J. Aerne, 1:24.28; Sarah Warren, 1:25.30; Rachel E. Burg, 1:26.15; Alex Canevello, 1:35.53.
Boys 9-10
100 freestyle
Tyler Craig, 1:19.42; Steven Ostrander, 1:22.53; Ben Guhl, 1:43.19.
Girls 11-12
100 freestyle
Kelly A. Garland, 1:07.46; Danielle E. Lindquist, 1:08.03; Yasmine A. Bessette, 1:09.35; Katie Ostrander, 1:12.82; Nikki Woloshyn, 1:15.89; Sara Kees, 1:16.96; Alyson Craig, 1:18.86; Emma Regnier, 1:19.35; Megan Corbett, 1:30.75.
Boys 11-12
100 freestyle
Joseph A. Burg, 57.73.
Girls 9-10
50 backstroke
Dominique A. Bessette, 36.57; Mesa M. Schmidt, 37.39; Victoria Simpson, 42.51; Sarah Warren, 42.92; Taylor J. Aerne, 48.14; Alex Canevello, 50.21.
Boys 9-10
50 backstroke
Tyler Craig, 41.77; Jamie Landry, 43.87; Ben Guhl, 57.75.
Girls 11-12
50 backstroke
Danielle E. Lindquist, 36.20; Molly H. Snittjer, 36.34; Kelly A. Garland, 39.71.
Girls 9-10
50 breaststroke
Michelle E. Garland, 38.73; Dominique A. Bessette, 42.59; Shannon B. Zalewski, 43.92; Rachel E. Burg, 44.80; Stephanie E. Kramer, 48.02; Victoria Simpson, 50.69; Alex Canevello, 57.16.
Boys 9-10
50 breaststroke
Steven Ostrander, 42.73.
Girls 11-12
50 breaststroke
Yasmine A. Bessette, 39.73; Katie Ostrander, 40.63; Emma Regnier, 41.02; Nikki Woloshyn, 44.33; Sara Kees, 44.48; Megan Corbett, 48.29.
Boys 11-12
50 breaststroke
Joseph A. Burg, 35.41.
Girls 13-14
200 freestyle
Emily J. Meyer, 2:15.80; Kelly McIlhany, 2:44.48.
Boys 13-14
200 freestyle
Matt Revell, 2:01.31; Andrew Lorenzini, 2:20.01; Lukas Levad, 2:29.02.
Boys 15- and-older
200 freestyle
Zack Johnson, 2:01.46.
Boys eight- and-under
100 IM
Tony Diaz, 1:27.67.
Girls 13-14
200 IM
Bethany A. Booker, 2:45.63; Carley Juska, 2:46.62; Kelsey Whitaker, 2:51.54.
Boys 15- and-older
200 IM
Nick Johnson, 2:24.59.
Girls six- and-under
25 freestyle
Danielle D. Kolz, 21.88.
Boys six- and-under
25 freestyle
John Zalewski, 21.07.
Girls 7-8
25 freestyle
Makayla N. Thompson, 18.63; Jennifer Wisbey, 18.65; Allie Kolz, 19.16; Georgina Meyer, 19.86; Haley Simpson, 21.20; Jessica S. Geerdts, 22.33; Natalie Brooker, 22.50; Jacque Pollock, 24.17.
Boys 7-8
25 freestyle
Tony Diaz, 15.16; Kyle T. Aerne, 17.23; Stefan Woloshyn, 18.30; Andrew Lindquist, 19.22; John M. Garland, 20.96; Michael White, 24.34.
Girls 13-14
50 freestyle
Emily J. Meyer, 28.10; Bethany A. Brooker, 29.47; Samantha J. Burg, 30.78; Carley Juska, 31.22; Kelly McIlhany, 32.57; Kelsey Whitaker, 33.00.
Boys 13-14
50 freestyle
Matt Revell, 24.72; Andrew Lorenzini, 26.72; Lukas Levad, 28.44.
Girls 15- and-older
Alex Pollock, 30.35.
Girls eight- and-under
25 butterfly
Makayla N. Thompson, 19.22; Jacque Pollock, 24.98.
Boys eight- and-under
25 butterfly
Kyle T. Aerne, 22.14; Andrew Lindquist, 22.29; Stefan Woloshyn, 24.46.
Boys 15- and-older
100 butterfly
Nick Johnson, 1:04.17; Zack Johnson, 1:06.60.
Girls eight- and-under
50 freestyle
Jennifer Wisbey, 41.17; Georgina Meyer, 41.70; Allie Kolz, 44.59; Jacque Pollock, 47.01; Haley Simpson, 49.05; Natalie Brooker, 50.32; Danielle D. Kolz, 50.78; Jessica S. Geerdts, 51.16.
Boys eight- and-under
50 freestyle
Tony Diaz, 35.64; Stefan Woloshyn, 41.05; John Zalewski, 46.49; Michael White, 54.06.
Girls 13-14
100 freestyle
Emily J. Meyer, 1:01.47; Bethany A. Brooker, 1:05.77; Samantha J. Burg, 1:08.11; Carley Juska, 1:08.30; Kelly McIlhany, 1:12.17; Kelsey Whitaker, 1:13.72.
Boys 13-14
100 freestyle
Matt Revell, 54.83; Andrew Lorenzini, 1:02.09; Lukas Levad, 1:07.60.
Girls 15- and-older
100 freestyle
Alex Pollock, 1:09.91.
Boys 15- and-older
100 freestyle
Zack Johnson, 56.69.
Girls six- and-under
25 backstroke
Danielle D. Kolz, 24.15.
John Zalewski, 25.96.
Girls eight- and-under
25 backstroke
Allie Kolz, 22.36; Georgina Meyer, 22.59; Haley Simpson, 25.29; Jacque Pollock, 26.66; Jennifer Wisbey, 27.03; Jessica S. Geerdts, 27.04; Natalie Brooker, 27.21.
Boys eight- and-under
25 backstroke
Kyle T. Aerne, 22.12; Andrew Lindquist, 22.87; John M. Garland, 23.84; Michael White, 29.81.
Girls 13-14
100 backstroke
Samantha J. Burg, 1:13.01; Carley Juska, 1:14.35; Kelsey Whitaker, 1:18.14.
Boys 13-14
100 backstroke
Matt Revell, 1:03.08; Lukas Levad, 1:15.88.
Girls 15- and-older
100 backstroke
Alex Pollock, 1:21.96.

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Section B

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AT A GLANCE

Guilty verdict in shotgun slaying

Lindenhurst—A jury found Ronald Ruhl, 33, of Lindenhurst, guilty of first-degree murder in the gunshot death of Richard Neubauer.



Ruhl

Ruhl may face up to 85 years in prison. The sentence for murder ranges from 20-60 years, but an additional 25 years are mandatory because of the use of a firearm. Sentencing is scheduled for March 28.

Neubauer, 27, of Lake Villa, was killed on Jan. 6, 2002, outside the Whiplash Bar, on Grass Lake Road at Route 83, in Antioch.

RV park pegged for new homes site

Gages Lake—A resort-like townhouse community will most likely be taking the place of the old Gages Lake campground.

Cambridge Homes proposed to build a 66-unit townhouse development on a 28-acre parcel, east of Route 45 and south of Gages Lake Road. But 16 acres of the 28 are actually in the lake, leaving 12 actual land acres and a net site density of 5.6 units per acre. Cambridge currently has the property, at 18887 Gages Lake Road, under contract.

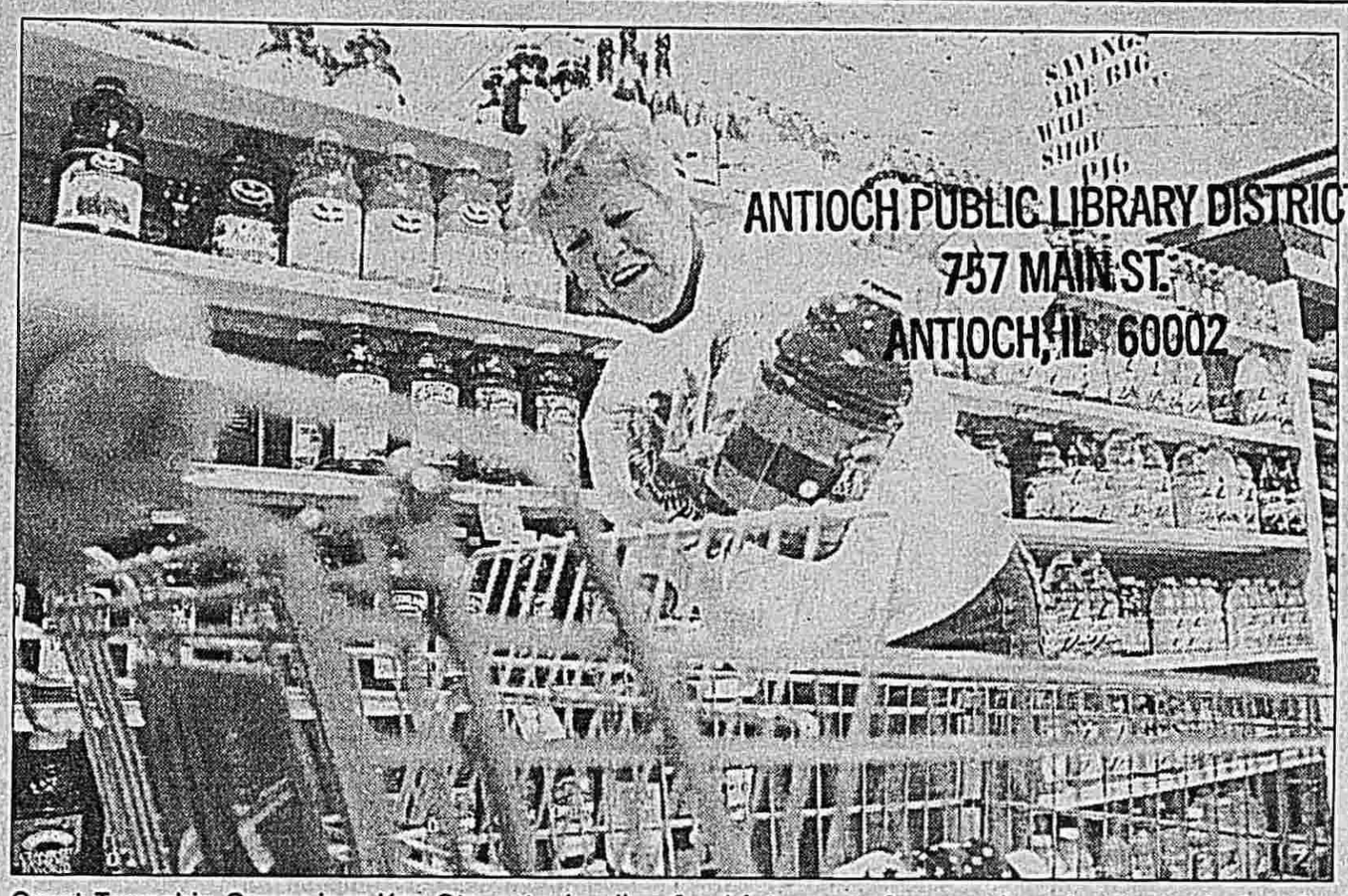
Home Expo to feature 170-plus booths

Grayslake—The Lake Home & Outdoor Living Expo, Feb. 15-16, at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, will feature over 170 vendors in the home products and services business.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in two buildings at the fairgrounds, at Routes 45 and 120.

Gary Allison, of Homestar Productions, Inc., said "this is the largest home and outdoor exposition in Lake County. With over 170 booths, you'll be seeing vendors of home products and services, 80 to 85 percent of them will be in a 10 mile radius."

Admission to the show is $3 at the door.



Grant Township Supervisor Kay Starostovic piles food into one of many shopping carts during the Lake County Farm Bureau's Fifth Annual Race for Hunger against Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse at the Piggly Wiggly supermarket in Grayslake. Food collected in the 10-minute time period will be added to the respective township food pantries.— *Photos by Sandy Bressner*

And they're off!

Local pols participate in supermarket sweep to help stamp out hunger in Lake County

By ELIZABETH GUARD
Staff Reporter

Late last week, Grant Township Supervisor Kay Starostovic and Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse raced through the aisles of the Grayslake Piggly Wiggly chucking whatever food they could get their hands on into shopping carts.

'The best part of this is that we both came out winners'

Kay Starostovic
Grant Township Supervisor

No, the old TV show "Supermarket Sweep" isn't back on the air and filming in Lake County. The two were competing in the Lake County Farm Bureau's Fifth Annual Race for Hunger. Although there was only one "winner," both supervisors' food collections were donated to their respective food pantries.

For 10 minutes, Starostovic and Smouse sped through the store attempting to collect more food than the other. The competitors could only grab food containing corn, soybeans, oats or wheat as an ingredient and the food collected had to be non-perishable.



Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse throws items into his cart during the Lake County Farm Bureau's Fifth Annual Race for Hunger against Grant Township Supervisor Kay Starostovic at the Piggly Wiggly supermarket in Grayslake. Food collected in the 10-minute time period will be added to the respective township food pantries.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

So the contestants ran and snatched up cereal,

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AT A GLANCE

Group braves cold for anti-war rally

Fox Lake—A group of about 25 students, youngsters and adults braved below freezing temperatures and a stiff wind to rally in an anti-war protest.



"We could have waited for warmer weather, but I don't think that President Bush will wait," said Geneva Lescher, an event organizer.

Those present at the Fox Lake Gazebo at Millennium Park sang songs, said prayers, and held candles. Their message was clear: There has to be a better alternative than a pre-emptive war in Iraq.

A.M. barn blaze kills 9 horses

A fire swept through a barn at Kelly Stables in Wadsworth on Feb. 8 at approximately 4:50 a.m. John Geske, stable manager, reported the fire when heat shattered a window and set off the smoke alarm in his trailer next to the barn. More than 700 bales of hay fueled the fire and by the time firefighters arrived, the barn had already collapsed. Geske managed to save one horse from the barn before it collapsed. Two of the horses that perished were owned by the stable and the others were being boarded there as pets and show horses.

The cause of the fire is unknown and may never be known because the intense fire likely destroyed any clues.

Village to sell senior housing site

Wauconda—Village board members hope to have a six-acre site once deemed for village-run senior housing sold soon. The village board has hired an appraiser to get a price for the property, located on Larkdale Row. Meanwhile, William DeBruler And Co., Hydra Corp. and American Housing Partners are working on design. Officials said the property could be sold as early as this week.

'We are making history'

Hispanic business community's Business Expo is all about unity, not about 'making money'

By JEFF ZACHARY
Staff Reporter

Hispanic business owners and their representatives came together at the first ever Lake County "Hispanic Business Expo" at the Ramada Inn, in Waukegan.

"The event is being held to bring opportunities to the Hispanic community," said Lake County Chamber President Katie Spies. "We have adopted the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce," she added.

"We are making history," said Del Martinez, director of marketing for Noticias Vision News, which sponsored the event. "This is a unified event between the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Lake County Chamber and has never been done before. This is the beginning of the opening of many doors," he added.

On the first night, Marcelo Rios, president of Custom Creative Marketing, gave a workshop to about 60 business owners entitled "Reaching the Hispanic Market."

Rios commented, "It is a misconception that Hispanic business owners automatically know how to reach out to the Hispanic community." He added, "For instance, Puerto Ricans need to know how to cross over and market for the Mexicans and the Mexicans need to know how to reach out to the Puerto Ricans and other cultures."

On the second day of the Expo, over 50 booths were set up for people to peruse.

Two of the more popular Hispanic owned Radios Stations, "La Ley" (107.9-FM) along with "La Campiona" broadcast live at the Expo.

Other businesses at the event included the YMCA, Auitech Corporation, Great Lakes Credit Union, Waukegan Tire, Lake County Sports Center, Catholic Charities,

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Del Martinez welcomes visitors to the first-ever Hispanic Business Expo at the Ramada Inn in Waukegan. The event was sponsored by Vision News, Harris Bank and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Lake County.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

'School Finance 101' means belt-tightening times ahead

By STEVE PETERSON
Staff Reporter

Area educators were told the stark realities of doing their jobs when the state of Illinois is in a budget crisis.

The Illinois Principals Association, Lake County chapters, met to hand out awards and receive an update on the not-so-bright financial situation in Springfield from area legislators. Sandy Schuenemann, principal of Lotus School in Fox Lake, won the principal-of-the-year award.

Nat Greenfield, of the Lake County Technology Campus, was also honored.

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> *John Donnellan, school superintendent, Fox Lake Elementary 114*

"We (Republicans) have been trying to meet with Gov. Rod Blagojevich, to prod him into giving details on how to cut up to 5 percent. We think that there will be a lot of short-term borrowing," said State Sen. Bill Peterson (R-Long Grove). "If you're not going to raise taxes, then you have to have cuts all over the place."

Educators said that the Round Lake District 116 plan is only the tip of the iceberg, as more than 60 percent of school districts in Illinois are in deficit spending.

"The dominoes of school districts are going to begin to start falling," said John Donnellan, school superintendent, Fox Lake Elementary 114.


Geo-Karis

"School districts will have to be prudent at what they spend," said Geo-Karis.

Edward Gonwa, retiring county superintendent of schools, said that school districts need to work with school unions to hold down contract increases.

The governor's state budget message will be aired on April 9, on how to cope with a greater than $4 billion deficit.

"You're lucky to keep the state aide that you have had," Peterson said.

Fox Lake Elementary District 114 School Board President Mike Lescher said it would be good, if the consumer price index (CPI) was set at 5 percent.

"But Mike Madigan (speaker of the House of Representatives) is opposed to the move to change anything in the tax cap. He would have to be convinced. It is an uphill battle," Peterson said.


Donnellan

"Both parties are committed to education. The governor has his hands full," said State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion).

A spokesperson for State Rep. Susan Garrett said that Garrett has always supported education.

"Then you look at salaries, and superintendents making $280-$300,000. People in mid-management jobs are out of work and think that the administrators have a guaranteed job," Peterson said.

"We have been asked to justify by the Gov. Blagojevich's chief of staff every project that we are proposing. If you hear there is a freeze, it is only temporary. The projects that have been promised funds will be funded," said Geo-Karis.

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>
> *Adeline Geo-Karis, State Senator*

Also discussed was whether or not Lake County should be home rule, which would give it more flexibility.

The referendum for a sales tax increase of one quarter of one percent to pay for road improvements in Lake County was favored by legislators. Peterson said that back in 1989, the Lake County Board had a chance to do just that, but opted not to, losing the chance of many highway dollars.

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peanut butter, corn oil, soy milk, instant mashed potatoes, fruit juice, soda, potato chips and anything else matching the criteria that they could get their hands on.

June Jackovich, maneuvered the cart through the store while Starostovic tossed food items into it. On the other team, Kathy Smith, Antioch Township clerk, propelled the cart while Smouse pitched items in.

At the end of the 10 minutes, the Antioch Township team waited patiently while a clerk at lane one rang up the numerous carts full of food. Antioch's managed to ring up $1,008.31 worth of food.

Everyone on the Antioch end seemed pleased with the total, thinking it was a possible win.

But the Grant Township team took the trophy, collecting $1,211.95 for its food pantry.

Maybe it was Starostovic's strategy that clinched the win. She said her and Jackovich went into the Piggly Wiggly for about 20 minutes the day before the race to scope the place out.

"Last year's winner told me to go for the cereals, pancake mix, juices and pops, so that's what I did and it must have worked," Starostovic said. "And you just go as fast as you can," she said, a little out of breath.

Although she took home the trophy, Starostovic said the event wasn't about beating out her competitor.

"The best part of this is that we both came out winners," Starostovic said.


Grant Township Supervisor Kay Starostovic celebrates her win in the Lake County Farm Bureau's Fifth Annual Race for Hunger against Antioch Township Supervisor Steve Smouse at the Piggly Wiggly supermarket in Grayslake.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

So Smouse didn't feel so bad about losing, even though he was awarded with a "horse's ass" trophy that read "Loser" on the bottom.

"It was a lot of fun," Smouse said. "We do this so we can supply our food pantries with the food they've so generously donated for us."


Jack Potter of Century 21 and the Lake County Apartment Owners Association talks with Nallely Kaplan of Harris Bank in Waukegan and Alberto Azpe of Harris Bank in Chicago during the 1st Annual Hispanic Business Expo at the Ramada Inn in Waukegan.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

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the El Ranchito Michoacano Restaurant, Century Mortgage and Funding, the Waukegan Downtown Association, the City of Waukegan and many others.

Before the day was through, Mr. Rios had praise for Del Martinez and the Noticias Vision News. "They are here for the Hispanic people and understand their needs and want to provide for those needs."

"This is the first event I've attended that wasn't about making money but was about helping people," Rios concluded.



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Lakeland Media announces new management promotion

One key to success is found in the 'Rich-es'

By JEFF ZACHARY
Staff Reporter

Rich Diesterheft has accepted the position of Classified Manager for Lakeland Media.

He replaces Rich Padgen who is taking a position in the radio business in Milwaukee.



Diesterheft

Lakeland Media General Manager Bob Schroeder commented on why he chose Diesterheft for the position.

"Rich has a lot of experience in managing businesses, as he was an owner and operator of many restaurants. He brings a ton of enthusiasm and energy, as well as an unquestioned work ethic to the department. I can't think of a better person to help the department reach its goals."

Diesterheft will take over his new position on Feb. 17.

"I see Rich's leadership style as a great fit," said William Schroeder, owner and publisher of Lakeland Media. "His experience both in restaurant management/operation and advertising sales/marketing at Lakeland is going to serve our advertisers and our readers well."



Padgen

Diesterheft's first day at Lakeland Media was on April 24, 2000. He started as a display-advertising executive in the Gurnee, North Chicago, Wadsworth, Waukegan, Zion, Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Park City area.

He is the former owner and operator of several successful "Poor Richard's" restaurants in Skokie and his hometown of Gurnee.

"Professionally speaking I am very excited about this terrific opportunity," said Diesterheft. "I am a big believer in a code of integrity and ethics. I plan to take the classified team and myself to a new level of excellence."

He added, "This means doing your very best, learning every detail and exceeding your customers expectations."

Though Lakeland Media welcomes Diesterheft as its new classified manager, it will also miss Padgen who is departing to join the Walt Disney Company as Promotion and Marketing Manager of the new Radjo Disney station in Milwaukee.

"I always said I'd never leave Lakeland for an ordinary job," said Padgen. "The opportunity to join a company with the legacy, vision and magic of Disney was just more than I could pass up."

Padgen also paid his long time friend Diesterheft a compliment before passing on the baton.

"You will never find a more honest, hard working and honorable person than Rich to take on this position."



A hands-on experience

Drew Rukavina, 3, of Mundelein sees first-hand how a mastodon picks branches off of a tree using its trunk during the first day of the Mighty Mastodons of the Ice Age exhibit at the Lake County Discovery Museum.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Geo-Karis supports giving governor authority to make spending cuts

Senator Adeline Geo-Karis wants Governor Rod Blagojevich to correct the state's fiscal outlook and she's willing to help.



Geo-Karis

Geo-Karis (R-Zion) and her Republican colleagues offered a legislative solution to the Fiscal Year 2003 budget in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation.

The plan calls for temporary budget authority that allows the governor to cut five percent from all budgets under his control. Only General State Aid to schools would be off limits. Senate Republicans offered similar plans in 2001 and 2002 with little or no support from their Democrat colleagues.

"We wanted to do this last year and the year before that, but the Democrats wouldn't cooperate and approve the legislation," said Geo-Karis. "Now that the governor making the cuts in question is from their party, it is our hope that we can finally work together and do what is right."

The plan (Senate Bill 350) would bring the $1 billion Fiscal Year 2003 deficit under control quickly and keep the deficit from growing. All power to make cuts would end June 30, when the Fiscal Year 2004 budget takes effect.

Additionally, Senate Republicans called for a budget summit to start talks on the Fiscal Year 2004 budget. Already they have approved the governor's request to delay his budget address until April. The bipartisan summit would allow lawmakers and budgeters from the governor's office to work together on possible solutions.

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EDITORIAL

Need streamlining for building in county

Addressing a Chamber of Commerce audience, Lake County Administrator Barry Burton pinpointed a long-standing problem encountered by both commercial builders and citizens seeking building permits: difficulty dealing with the county's zoning, planning and permit processes.

With rare candor, Burton said the process is slowing economic development. Burton's observation comes as a red flag, especially during stressful economic times when government and public officials are under extreme pressure to "clear away the road blocks."

Rightly or wrongly, the Lake County apparatus for planning, building and development has the reputation of being hard to deal with. The system has jurisdiction in all unincorporated territory. By contrast, most of the municipalities in the county have their own systems for handling planning, building and zoning matters. Essentially, there are "two different worlds" when it comes to building and zoning in Lake County.

Starting his second year as the county's chief administrator, Burton's observation comes as a wake up call to elected officials to get Lake County's act together. Burton wants the system to work better and faster. In his talk to the business group, the administrator offered the experiences of Lake Forest Hospital Vice President Jim Killian. Involved in building an urgent care facility on Route 120 near Grayslake, Killian said the village permitting process involved four months whereas the county process took two years.

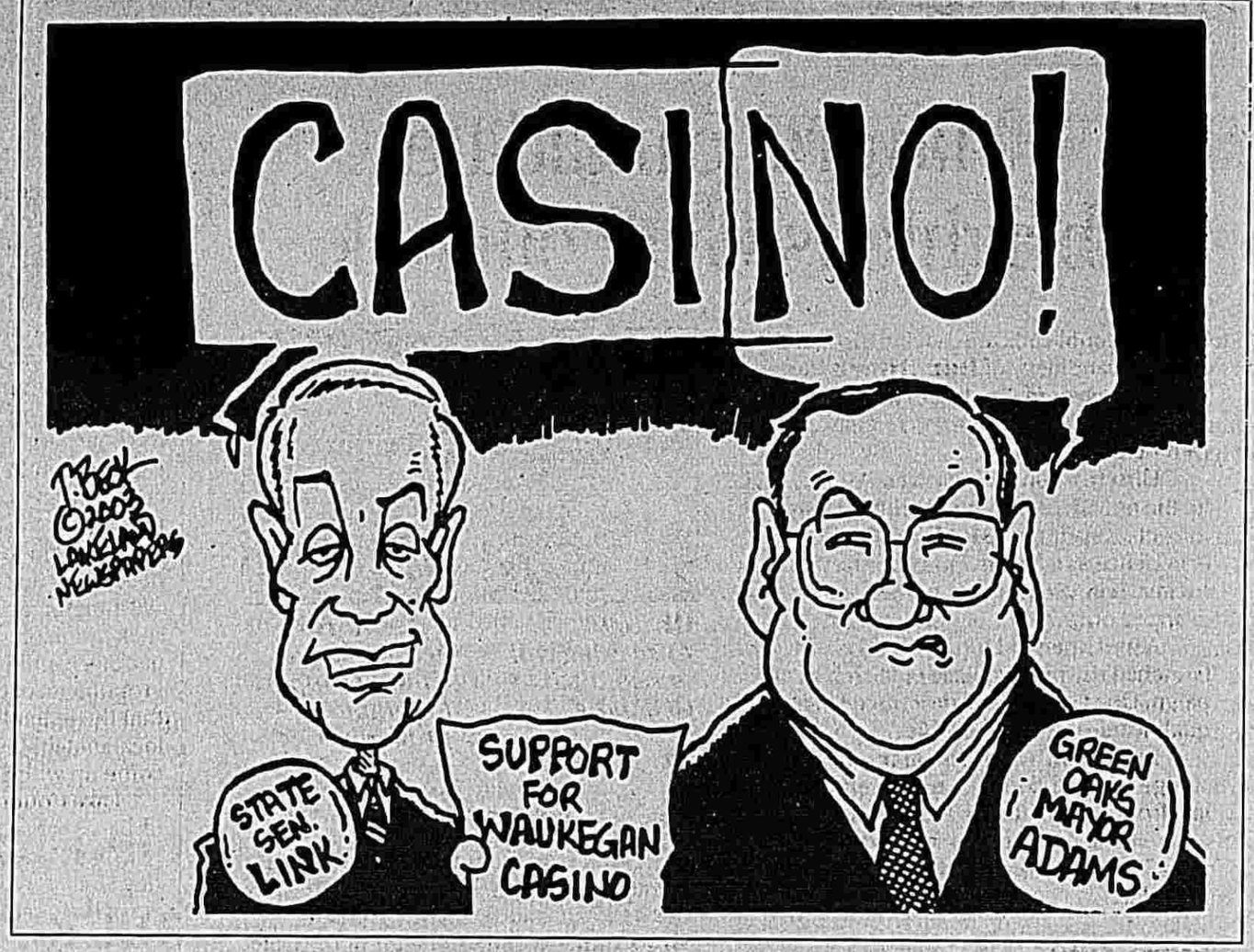
With this kind of timetable, it's no wonder builders and developers shy away from doing business in unincorporated areas. There's just too much hassle.

In fairness, in recent years the county has approached building and developing with a mentality for slowing and controlling. The conflict of philosophies is apparent when comparing many villages where there still is a "go go" frame of mind on the part of village trustees despite all the problems associated with rapid urbanization, clogged highways and over-crowded schools being the most obvious.

Streamlining the county process would serve as a counter balance to the villages. A more "user friendly" attitude on the part of the county would both benefit economic development and enhance orderly growth.

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VIEWPOINT

Just plain 'Guv' might work well



BILL SCHROEDER
Publisher

Even after three months for the governor with the tongue-twisting name, Illinois residents are struggling to get the correct pronounciation for the new chief executive.

At a meeting the other night, a local official stumbled in referring to Gov. Rod Blagojevich. After several starts, "Blow, go; Bla, goo," the politico blurted out, "Vich, vich. You know who I mean."

TV newscasters have taken to referring to the governor as "Governor Blago" for a short cut. That's television sound bite style, but crude. Sounds too much like a cartoon magazine superman. Come to think of it, our new guv might like that.

Gov. Blah, Blah. How's that? Nah. Sounds negative. And partisan, to boot. What about Gov. Rod? Oh, no. Let's not go near this one. There's more than enough innuendo on television these day.

If Bla-go-oh-vich is too difficult to roll out, will just plain "Guv" do? Always a nice sound. Short. To the point. Overly familiar, maybe, but after all, Rod Blagojevich is a man of the people. Right?

Doubtlessly, the young Democrat will never morph into one word political celebrity. Like Jesse (Ventura, Minnesota) or Tommy (Thompson, Wisconsin). Even in Illinois, after two administrations and one campaign, voters tended to think governors were named Jim (Thompson, Edgar) and candidate Ryan. Alas, disenchantment with Generous George (ouch, that single moniker again) changed all that.

Down south, there's a tradition for gubernatorial nicknames and single names—Big Jim, Kingfish, Lyndon, Jimmy, Bill, Orville. But that's often contempt as much as it is admiration.

So, back here in Illinois, maybe it'll be best to keep it formal when referring to the governor. Gov. Blagojevich. Thank you very much.

Freebies flying away

By now, Lake County Forest Preserve Commission Don Bauer knows that being a politician is more work than play. Soon after being elected, Bauer got shot down by fellow commissioners for his idea of getting a free pass at the county's five golf courses. DuPage County also is taking a dim view of political perks. DuPage Forest District President Dewey Pierotti has scuttled the tradition of lifetime golf privileges for outgoing commissioners. Pierotti's a real killjoy. He's also ended the practice of district bartenders serving free drinks to politicians. Pierotti's on a roll. He's also looking into rumors that DuPage pols get free greens fees and food. Geez. No freebies. Why does anyone want to be a forest preserve commissioner anymore?

Wrecking party

Now that Lakehurst Mall is going under the wrecking ball this spring, what about a charity event where people pay to run amuck through the corridors with a sledge hammer? Sort of like the old-fashion carnival events where fun seekers pay to see if they can ring the bell with a wooden maul. Great way to release aggression and help a worthy cause. What about it, Mayor Hyde?

Newspaper fan

Marguerite Frost is a real newspaper fan. "I was born to read newspapers," writes the Mundelein resident. A native Hoosier, Marguerite mentioned how as a youngster she used to read the Kokomo Dispatch in her grandma's milk house on a farm in Tipton County. Marguerite is especially fond of political cartoons. "Your cartoonist does good work," Mrs. Frost observed. Tom Beck, take a bow. The kindly lady sends along Valentine's greetings to all. Marguerite, please write again.

By Bill Dawson

COMMENTARY

Cuts hurt innocent students

This is a motto for the education of our youth being espoused by President Bush and his administration. It is more than a motto—it's federal law.

But it is a concept that many people seem to be forgetting. There is very strong and vocal opposition to the referendum that will be voted on later this month for Warren High School.

In doing some research, I came upon a quote, which I think is fitting for our situation. It is from U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige from Jan. 9, 2002 and it states "America's children depend on us. We must not thrust that burden onto our posterity. It is ours to bear." The students at the high school, now and in the future, are at the mercy of posterity. "It is ours to bear." The students at the high school, now and in the future, are at the mercy of what the adults decide. They can't vote to have a school that accommodates all their needs. They are too young to do that.

It is the adults who will decide. Warren High School has been a very nice place for me to work for the past 19 years. We have very dedicated teachers and there have been wonderful students that I have come in contact with over the years. My future students deserve the same conditions as my past students. Many numbers have been thrown out to the public and more will be put out between now and Feb. 25.

I am not privy to all the facts but I can speak for what I work with. I teach an algebra class, four geometry classes, and I have a lunch activity period. In those six classes I have an average of 26.7 students with a range of 23-32 students. With a failed referendum there will be a freeze on any new hiring and our increased enrollment for next year will have to be absorbed by the existing staff causing an increase at the O'Plaine campus of about four students per class. That would put my class average at 30.7 with class sizes ranging from 27-36 students. Those class sizes are too big.

And what about the following year? Without a referendum are we going to have to absorb another four students per class? Look around you. The building isn't going to stop. We are going to get larger and larger. We already have more students at the O'Plaine campus than we had in the entire school just nine years ago. I have seen first hand what budget problems can do to a school.

In 1982 I was teaching at North Chicago High School and was called in to the principal's office and told that my teaching position was being eliminated because they didn't have enough money to pay me the next year. Good programs were eliminated there and have never returned.

What programs do you want to eliminate from Warren? Do you want to lose the music, art or foreign language programs? Or how about extra-curricular activities? They won't be eliminated next year but they will be curtailed. What will happen to your son or daughter's favorite teacher? Will we continue losing good teachers to other schools?

In addition to being a math teacher, I am also the head boy's track coach. I have been told that part of the cutbacks will be the elimination of one of my assistant coaches positions. We are just beginning practice and currently have 85 people on the roster. When all the winter sports are finished we will have about 115-120 people on the team. We don't cut people. Each person on the team can participate in every dual and triangular meet. Next year we would probably have to make cuts because it would be a safety issue with supervising that many people. We have already dropped pole-vaulting because of safety issues, which is

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PARTY LINES

PARTY LINES, THE LAKELAND NEWSPAPERS' COLUMN OF POLITICAL OPINION, IS PREPARED FROM STAFF REPORTS.

Mayoral candidate brightens GOP outlook

Republicans are rallying around the candidacy of **Dan Hirsch** for mayor of Waukegan as a vehicle to revitalize the GOP in solidly Democratic territory.

Hirsch, a consulting civil engineer, will be the only Republican running for mayor in the Feb. 25 primary. **Mark Hahn**, with experience as a North Shore Sanitary District trustee, reduced the field to one when he dropped out.

A well attended fund-raiser Feb. 5 launched the public phase of Hirsch's campaign. One GOP official described Hirsch's qualifications as "formidable."

In the North Shore Sanitary District sludge battle and long-standing efforts for lakefront rehabilitation, Hirsch has emerged as a reliable resource person and an "idea man." He is regarded as thoughtful and articulate.



Hirsch: *Answering call to revitalize GOP base.*



Urlacher: *Ace linebacker lending support for organ program.*

Extra duty

Congressman **Mark Kirk** (R-10th) has accepted enthusiastically his party's role as a major spokesman supporting the all-volunteer military. Kirk is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve and was on active duty as a pilot in the skies over Yugoslavia in 1999. Kirk is counter-acting calls from a group of Democratic congressmen to reinstitute the draft.

Party parity

Despite changes on the Libertyville Township board, political party balance remains the same. Trustee **Betty Ann Moore**, a Democrat, now is supervisor. Her replacement as trustee, **Larry Alkire**, is a Republican. Alkire, who will serve until 2005, was a trustee during the period 1977-89.

Early bird

Avon Township Supervisor **Russ Christian** is the first township official in Lake County to formally announce his intentions to seek re-election in 2005.

Dip explained

Don't read too much in the dip in the plurality scored by Congressman **Phil Crane** (R-Ill.), advises **Antionette Simonian**, executive director of the Lake County Republican Federation. Due to redistricting, Crane picked up heavily Democratic precincts in the Zion area. Also, Simonian asserted, Crane was called by **President Bush** to campaign last fall in other parts of the nation to help swell GOP ranks in Congress. "He was being a good soldier and his efforts paid off. Congressman Crane still is strong," Simonian declared.

Organ donor plate

Chicago Bear **Brian Urlacher** has teamed up with Illinois Secretary of State **Jesse White** to promote organ donation and remind Illinois residents that license plates benefiting the organ donor program are available through the Secretary of State's office. The plate, which features Chicago Bears' colors orange and blue, as well as the late Chicago Bear **Walter Payton's** name and jersey number, costs $103. A portion of that money goes to enhance the organ donor program. To sign up for an organ donor license plate, please call 217-782-7758, or visit the Secretary of State's web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Is this my 999th column, or what?



THE PFARR CORNER

Jerry Pfarr

Every devout Chicago Cubs fan knows exactly how many home runs Sammy Sosa hit last season. And fan or not, it's easy to find out because people are keeping score. (Sammy hit 49 homers, each one like a kiss thrown to the Bleacher Bums.)

Speaking of kisses, movie fans also were keeping score during a 1926 film about the legendary Spanish lover, "Don Juan," starring John Barrymore. That movie had the highest kiss count ever in Hollywood, a total of 191 smooches, or one kiss every 53 seconds!

My complaint today is that no one has been counting the "kisses," in the form of newspaper columns, that I have been throwing to Lake County readers. This weekly frolic has been going on since 1984, so I must be closing in on 1,000. Does that call for a celebration?

So last week I did designate February as Pfarr Corner Month, just in case. We will never know, of course, but February is big on celebrations and there's always room for one more, right?

We already have observed Chinese New Year on Feb. 1 and Groundhog Day on Feb. 2.

February also is Cabin Fever Month, National Cherry Pie Month, Black History Month, Dental Health Month and American Heart Month.

February also is the month in which we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. (The Gipper turned 92 on Feb. 6.)

Since I am a pack rat who never throws anything away, I must have each of those almost 1,000 columns right here in my home office, either meticulously filed or hopelessly lost. (Most likely the latter.)

And since today happens to be Valentine's Day, in honor of that and the observance of Pfarr Corner Month, here is an excerpt from a column written several years ago. It was printed in the Milwaukee Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and other newspapers:

What better time than Valentine's Day to shower our loved ones with such terms of endearment as Cupcake, Ducky, Lamb Chop, Muffin, Sweet Patootie and Turtledove.

February is a month in which we sometimes feel we are being beaten to death with a Hallmark card.

Okay, okay, if you must know, my wife does have a pet name for me. It's Mr. Poop Man. We have a dog, you see, and it happens that one of my chief functions around here is wielder of the pooper-scooper.

Have you noticed there are some cartoons you never forget? This one was in the New Yorker magazine many years ago:

A weary little bald man has come home for work. His wife, a sizable society-matron type in a formal gown, is walking toward him with a pitcher, saying, "Does Snookums want a little drinkie-poo before din-din?"

His back is turned to her, so she can't see the exasperated expression on his face and the fact he is loading a pistol.

I would like to write more about this subject but someone just shouted, "Hey, Babycakes, front and center!"

There's no one else in the house, so she must mean me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sinking the boat

Greed is going to cost Lake County its share of federal transportation dollars if the separate villages and interest groups try to pursue their own agendas. Budgets are tight at the federal level, just as they are locally, and we must be unified and focused in our requests in an intensely competitive authorization process.

"53 mayors for 53" runs the risk of sinking the boat. Our congressmen are telling us they each have about $15-30 million to spend in each district. It's pretty obvious even to the most casual observer that we are unlikely to get $2 billion for 53 in addition to the funds needed for improvements to 45, 60, 22, Washington Street, Butterfield Road, etc. It's such a ridiculous request that our entire package would likely be rejected out of hand. Proponents of the plan also don't mention that the federal dollars require a 20 percent local match. Just how is Springfield going to come up with $400 million?

Lake County desperately needs to improve its local road system. If we present a strong, reasonable case, we just might succeed in getting some funding. Wildly expensive, controversial schemes will ruin it for all of us.

***Susan Zingle,** Wadsworth*

6 lanes 'right'

I am outraged but not surprised by the demagoguery in reference to the "skullduggery" in the 6-lane plan for Route 120. The 6-lane plan is merely a "do it right the first time" approach. I am sure that some will never give up the 40 year old fight to keep Route 120 a 2-lane road and prevent construction of Route 53, but overwhelming numbers of frustrated drivers will soon have their way.

***Brad Ogilvie,** Round Lake*

Hold the line

As a long time resident in the Village of Gurnee, I must take a stand against the tax referendums of District 56 and Warren High School on Feb. 25.

When all of the growth and development was occurring, we were told how it would better the community. All I have seen this far is higher taxes and more traffic.

Part of our problem is also these schools that want to spend money without looking at results. Schools must understand that the sky is not the limit, and they must live within their means, just like the families of Gurnee must live within theirs.

If our school boards cannot figure a way to hold the line on spending, we must find people who can. Vote NO on Feb. 25.

***Ruth Krota,** Gurnee*

For the people

I read a letter printed in rebuttal about John H. Nickels being an unfit candidate. John H. Nickels is running for Cook Memorial Public Library trustee. He was accused of not having his information correct and that supposedly makes him an "unfit" candidate for this position.

I just want to inform you, the public, that John H. Nickels is the most honest, intelligent, considerate, warm-hearted individual that is "for the people and "by the people."

With only so many words allotted for printing, John H. Nickels was trying his best for comparison so as not to raise your taxes building a bigger, more beautiful library, no matter who designed it.

As an outsider, vote April 1 for John H. Nickels for Cook Memorial Public Library Board trustee. You need to expand but not burden taxpayers and John H. Nickels will do his best to see this happen.

***Gloria Oliver,** Lake Bluff*

People censored

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is censoring the voice of the majority of Americans on the Pledge of Allegiance issue and must be held accountable.

It has been months since the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling banning the Pledge of Allegiance from our schools because of the words "under God." Despite overwhelming public support for the Pledge in its current form, the 9th Circuit has conducted a series of lengthy delays to avoid the question of re-hearing this case.

Also, the same three-judge panel that issued the original ruling has proceeded to reject "Friend of the Court" briefs from several leading conservative-minded organizations, including: American Legion, American Center for Law and Justice, Christian Legal Society, Claremont Institute Center, Wallbuilders, Alliance Defense Fund, and Grassfire.net.

Interestingly, Grassfire.net's brief was filed on behalf of more than 50,000 citizens who co-signed the brief. Nonetheless, the court refused to even hear the voice of more than 50,000 citizens who care deeply about this case and our nation.

Last summer, this case was headline news. But now, this issue has dropped off the media's radar. The 9th Circuit Court—and specifically this three-judge panel—has succeeded in diffusing public opinion through delay tactics and by rejecting input from conservative organizations like Grassfire.net. This type of biased conduct should not be allowed in our judicial system.

***Sharon Meyers,** Antioch*

Don't blame lawyers

President Bush's call for medical liability "reform" in his 'State of the Union' address is absolutely ridiculous and should be rejected.

We all should be fed up with insurance companies, hospitals and doctors complaining about malpractice premiums and asking the most severely injured victims to bear the cost. Let's stop blaming lawyers and victims and look into real causes for this so called "problem."

Here's a novel idea doctors may want to look into: How can we prevent patients from being killed and injured from negligent, careless and incompetent health care providers? Another note to doctors. Wake up. Your malpractice carriers are ripping you off and then whipping you into a protest frenzy thinking a "cap" on compensation to those killed, brain damaged and paralyzed by medical mistakes will cause the insurance companies promised to lower rates if a cap is imposed? Will a law with caps require them to do so. No way.

The Wall Street Journal reported as recently as June 2002 that insurance company mistakes in business practices and investing have provoked this so called "crisis." A rate war in the 1990s led many insurers to boost their bottom line by releasing too much of their income from premiums and profits. Those releases left insurers with insufficient funds to cover malpractice claims. With the recent stock market down turn, insurers scrambled to cover their losses, and dramatically raised rates.

The public should be outraged by the suggestion that victims' rights may be taken away based on insurance company mismanagement. Doctors and insurance companies say lawyers are against it because they will make less money if caps are passed. Well, if we are going to talk about the real reason President Bush and others are motivated to pass "caps" it is because insurance companies and medical groups have given millions and millions of dollars to their campaigns and now that they are in office, it's payback time.

A good portion of the public doesn't pay that much attention to this issue because they have not yet become victims of malpractice. Hopefully they never will. I promise you this, all victims of malpractice, the overwhelming majority of whom are fair minded people, are strongly opposed to "caps" on their rights to full and fair compensation. An impartial jury should decide the appropriate amount of compensation, not politicians who are admittedly beholden to the insurance companies and medical organizations pushing this legislation.

***Atty. Patrick A. Salvi,** Waukegan*

Editor's note: Patrick Salvi, a prominent trial lawyer, is former president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Assn.

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COMMENTARY

quite upsetting to a number of students who want to try that event.

I hope that when all is said and done that you vote with our youth in mind and not with your wallets in mind. I will close with a quote from President Bush from Aug. 1, 2001 that states "when it comes to the education of our children—failure is not an option." Don't put our students in a position where they cannot succeed.

Editor's note: Bill Dawson is mathematics instructor, boys cross country coach and head boy's track coach at Warren Township High School in Gurnee.

County panel tiptoes around consensus on hospital closing

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
Staff Reporter

A Blue Ribbon Committee on Healthcare Issues in Lake County stopped just short of endorsing Vista's plans to consolidate Victory Memorial Hospital and St. Therese Hospital into the Victory Memorial facility, while building a new hospital in western Lake County.

"We have reached an understanding of the need for a new Vista system structure." This was the official consensus reached by the panel. Members of rival health care organizations appeared hesitant to give full support to Vista's proposal to build in Lindenhurst.

The committee, organized by State Sen. Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest), and composed of diverse members with interests in healthcare in the county, met for the second time on Feb. 7 to discuss several issues. The leading one was the proposed closing of St. Therese Hospital and the establishment of a Vista hospital in Lindenhurst.

Following an extensive presentation by Tim Harrington, President and CEO of Vista Health Care, committee discussion was facilitated by Frank LaFasto, of Cardinal Health.

Dale Galassie, executive director of the Lake County Health Department, termed the group a "collegial group of competitors," acknowledging the committee included Vista's competition (Condell, Highland Park and Lake Forest health care representatives) as part of the panel.

Among the major issues considered were inadequate reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid patients, inadequate staffing due to a nursing shortage and climbing numbers of uninsured and underinsured patients in Lake County.

Harrington made his case for the need to establish a service base in a more affluent part of the county, where patients would be able to help cover the costs of health care in Waukegan.

"If we do not build a western hospital, we will have a slow death," he said, giving a prognosis for the fiscal health of the Waukegan hospitals.

"Our projection (under the proposed plan), seven years out, looks very good," he said. "It will be great to have one well-staffed hospital (in Waukegan) instead of two poorly staffed hospitals."

One of the issues raised at a highly emotional public meeting held in Waukegan in December 2002 was the future of a mental health facility for children and adolescents. At that time, Vista planned to close the unit at St. Therese, arousing concern among those in the county who depend on the unique facility.

Based on the public demand, Vista reassessed its position, and, according to Harrington, will be continuing and expanding the in-patient services for children and adolescents.

All questions are not necessarily satisfied, however.

"We are not sure if we will have all the components (of mental health services) in," Harrington said.

Louis Atsaves, representing State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion), said Geo-Karis was still examining financial records and other information provided by Vista to determine her position.

"One of the issues she is trying to explore is the viability of closing one hospital and retrofitting another, and opening a new hospital," he said. He noted the competitive atmosphere, as well. "All the hospitals are making plans to move into western Lake county," he remarked.

Although the panel agreed that consolidation is necessary, there remained a question as to whether Victory Memorial Hospital was the best site for that consolidation, given inadequate parking and a land-locked location that would limit future expansion.

The panel plans to broaden its discussion beyond the issue of Vista's future in Waukegan. Its next meeting will be held on Feb. 24, at Cardinal Health in McGaw Park.



Lake Forest Hospital President William Ries, State Rep. Robert Churchill and State Rep. Susan Garrett listen as Tim Harrington, president and CEO of Vista Health, discusses the plan to consolidate St. Therese and Victory Hospitals, both located in Waukegan, during a meeting of the Blue Ribbon Health Care committee at Cardinal Healthcare in Waukegan.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

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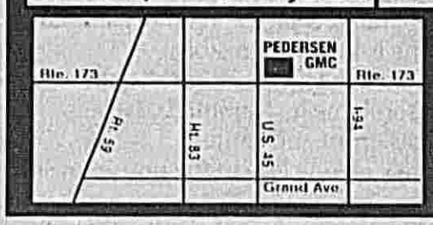
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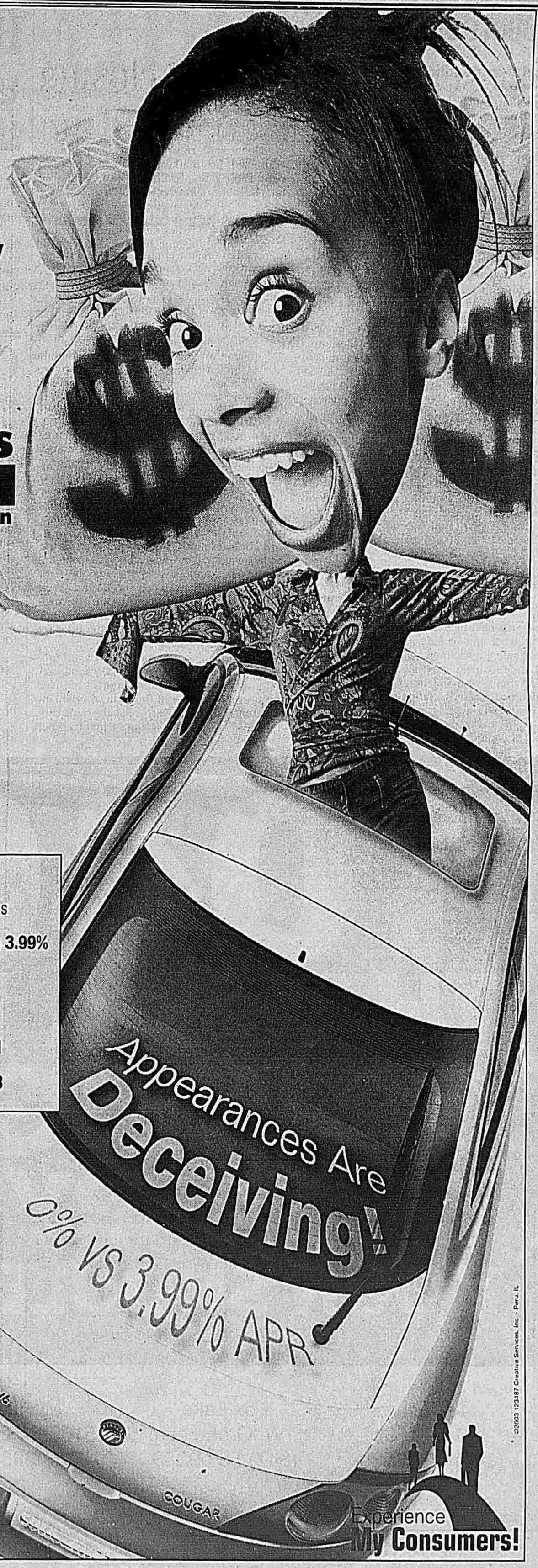


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COUNTY DIGEST

Write-in deadline

Individuals who wish to run as write-in candidates for the Feb. 25 Consolidated Primary Election have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18 to file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate with the Lake County Clerk's Office, Room 101, 18 N. County St., Waukegan.

Forms are available at the clerk's office or downloadable at www.co.lake.il.us/cntyclk by clicking the "Election Services" link. To receive a form by mail, call 847-377-2314.

Crane holds town hall meetings

Key Congressional agenda items to be discussed: strengthening our economy, fortifying our National security.

Congressman Phil Crane (R-Wauconda) will hold town hall meetings in McHenry, Barrington and Zion with constituents to discuss key agenda items Congress will be addressing this year, including: President George W. Bush's economic growth package and policies to protect our security at home and abroad.

McHenry Town Hall Meeting, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the McHenry City Hall, 333 S. Green St., McHenry.

Barrington Town Hall meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St., Barrington.

Zion Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Zion City Hall, 2828 Sheridan Rd. in Zion.

Tax money still out there

Time is running out for thousands of Illinois taxpayers who may be due refunds but have not filed 1999 federal income tax returns.

According to Internal Revenue Service estimates, unclaimed refunds totaling more than $130 million are waiting for about 78,000 Illinoisans who did not file a 1999 federal income tax return. Nationwide, an estimated $2.5 billion is waiting for 1.9 million people.

"In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. For 1999 returns, the window closes on April 15, 2003," said Sue Hales, IRS spokesperson for northern Illinois. "Money that is not refunded within three years generally becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury."

Hales said returns must be properly addressed, postmarked, and mailed by that date. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for a late return that qualifies for a refund.

Osmond helps advance senior protection

Legislation advancing in the Illinois House would help ensure criminals who prey upon seniors would no longer escape justice simply because their victim was physically unable to travel to the courthouse to testify. State Rep. JoAnn D. Osmond (R-Antioch) this week helped guide this crucial senior protection legislation through the House Judicial-Civil Law committee.

"Because of medical treatment or physical frailty, it can sometimes be difficult for seniors who have been financially exploited to testify—particularly if they have specific doctors orders or other treatment constraints that prevent them from leaving their home. Unfortunately, there have been instances where cases against criminals who target seniors have had to be dropped solely because the victim was physically unable to make the trip to the Courthouse. That shouldn't happen," said Osmond.

The legislation Osmond is backing, House Bill 53, would allow older Illinoisans who are victims of financial exploitation, abuse or neglect to testify by deposition taken at their homes rather than in a courtroom. The measure won unanimous approval in committee this week and has advanced to the floor for consideration by the full House.

This is a very important step toward protecting our greatest generation, Osmond said. "I'm very pleased by the support it received from every member of the Judicial-Civil Law committee. I hope it will receive the same support from all of my colleagues when it comes before the full House."

Bill allowing county sales tax hike filed by Sen. Link

By ELIZABETH GUARD
Staff Reporter

The Senate bill that would allow Lake County officials to place a referendum question on the ballot asking for a 25-cent sales tax increase was filed Feb. 4.

State Sen. Terry Link (D-Vernon Hills) filed Senate Bill 0154, adding "transportation" to the purposes and uses of the revenue from the special county retailers' occupation tax for public safety.

Last year, the bill became attached to another bill and was never voted on. The Senate referred the bill to the Rules Committee, but there is no timeline for a committee hearing.

If approved by the General Assembly and Gov. Rod Blagojevich, the bill would allow the county to ask for the sales tax increase.

Then if passed by voter approval, the increase would generate approximately $15 million annually, with revenue increasing as the county's population and retail establishments continue to grow. The increased revenue would be 100 percent used for transportation improvements throughout the county.

County's bid for road money falls shy of village's approval

By STEVE PETERSON
Staff Reporter

Lake Zurich village officials are balking at supporting the Lake County Board's desire to have a referendum for road improvement funds.

Lake County Board members were seeking a resolution that would support the county's bid for a referendum, which needs state legislature approval. In turn, the referendum would ask voters for approval for a county-wide one fourth of one percent sales tax hike for roads.

"Our objection is that the money would be spent more in the northern portion of Lake County. They are also asking for federal funds for Route 120. We would prefer to have the money go toward local, day-to-day road improvements," Lake Zurich Mayor Jim Krischke said. The mayor and trustees offered their viewpoints at a committee meeting.

Ela, Cuba, Quentin and Midlothian are roads maintained by Lake County that go through Lake Zurich.

"I think that communities are 'referendum-ed' out. I don't see any direct benefit," said Trustee Steve McAvoy.

"I don't have any objection to the tax itself, but I would like to see a plan for where the money goes," said Trustee John Tolomei.

Trustees suggested some clauses be added to ask the county to spread any improvements to the Lake Zurich area roads.

It was mentioned that if used locally, the sales tax increase would bring an additional $1 million.

Further discussion of the resolution is expected to take place Feb. 17 at the village board business meeting. The 7:30 p.m. meeting is at Lake Zurich Village Hall.

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Nutrition for Your Heart and Health

Find out what foods, supplements and other extras keep your heart healthy. Date: Wednesday, February 19; Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Congregate Meals Program

Join others for low-cost, nutritional meals in the hospital cafeteria on a daily basis. A speaker or educational program of interest accompanies one meal each month. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call 847.535.6176. Date: Thursday, February 20; Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m.

CONDELL HEALTH NETWORK

Free Weight Management Orientation Program

Free Weight Management Orientation Program every Wednesday at 7 p.m., Centre Club, 200 W. Golf Rd., Libertyville; 5 p.m. at Centre Club, 1405 Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee or by appointment. Information is offered about the following Medical Center Health Institute programs: NutriQuest, a liquid protein fasting progrm for individuals 20 percent or more over their ideal body weight; Lean for Life, an 8-week adult diet and exercise program; Biometrics, a computerized meal plan and personal training for exercise; Outlook combines individually prescribed meal plans with supplemented meals to ensure long-term weight management; Lean for Life Jr., a healthy eating and exercise program structured for adolescents ages 13-17, along with one parent; Body Talk, a weight managmeent support group; Nutritional Counseling, one-to-one for individual needs; and Weight Masters, a follow-up group for graduates of Lean for Life. Reservations requested. Call Libertyville (847) 990-5750 or Gurnee (847) 599-7360.

Boot Camp For New Dads

Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m., Boot Camp for New Dads. Call Perinatal Ed., (847) 990-5407.

Families Raising Young Children

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 to 8 p.m., the free Family to Family - Families Raising Young Children program provides support and education for parents oncerned with child development. This month's topic is "Ready-to-Go; School Readiness." Call Condell Day Center for Intergenerational Care, (847) 990-5800.

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Thursday, February 27, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Cub Food Store, 1700 North Lewis Avenue, Waukegan. FREE! Blood Sugar Screening. For best results, fast 12 hours prior to test. Please call 1-800-843-2464 to make an appointment.

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On Monday, February 24, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Victory Memorial Hospital, 1324 North Sheridan Road, Waukegan — Cholesterol Screening including total cholesterol, HDL ratio and triglycerides. $25 charge for the test. Fast 12 hours prior to test. Please call 1-800-843-2464 to make an appointment.

GOOD SHEPHERD HEALTH & FITNESS

CPR Class

Good Shepherd Hospital is sponsoring the American Heart Association CPR for Family & Friends — CPR for all ages class. This class is appropriate for family members and lay rescuers who want to learn rescue skills. Participants will learn how to perform CPR, rescue breathing and relief of an airway obstruction for infants, children and adults. Information about signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest and stroke in adults in addition to the prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and prevention of the most common fatal injuries in infants and children will be discusses. The class is being offered on Friday, February 21, 6 - 10 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center, which is located at 1301 S. Barrington Rd., Barrington. For more information or to register, call HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3ADVOCATE (323-8622) and specify Code3012.

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PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

Our son is in his first year of Jr. High and is flunking out of almost everything. We were devastated! I have seen a few columns of yours about this type of thing and have a couple questions for you. Since the beginning of my son's educational experience, I have been helping him with his homework almost to the point of doing it myself. If I didn't do it myself, I would give him so much help on it that he wouldn't really have to think. Up until this last school year, it didn't seem to be a big deal, but when he got into Jr. High, all of a sudden I saw him having a great deal of trouble with doing anything on his own and I can't help but wonder if I set him up for this by giving too much help over the years. That is my first question. Did I? My second question is about cognitive skills. I see that you help kids to develop better cognitive skills from some of your past columns. Could my son have had these kinds of problems and would that show up as always asking for help from me? If so, what can I do now? I feel horribly guilty and want to see my son succeed. Please help. D.H.

Hi D.H.,

I will give you my thoughts on this but first I want you to know two things. First, without seeing you and your son in person, telling you exactly what to do would not be appropriate in a column. Second, I know you feel guilty and I have met many other parents who feel the same way. I want you to read this column with the understanding that you did the best you could and did what you thought was right. So, don't spend your time worrying about guilt. Just make it right now! Also you are not alone! Many, many parents do the very thing you describe out of love and concern for their child.

Regarding your first question: If you have been doing your son's homework for him for a long time, more than likely, it may have had an effect on his ability to handle new things and new difficulty levels. Kids do learn to handle the harder work by doing the material before it. Let me give you a comparison. We have a puppy that has gotten a cut on her paw on a few of our recent walks. She didn't step on anything. It just got sore from walking. Well, being the caring and overprotective person that I am, I wanted to rub some vitamin E oil on her footpad to make it better. Prior to doing that, I made sure to call our vet to be sure it was the right thing to do because I wasn't quite sure. The vet told me that it was not a good idea and that those cuts would scab over and make her feet tougher. Of course, she wanted me to clean the wound etc. If I would have done what felt good to me and her at the time, I would have made her feet weaker for the future. The toughening-up is the key to success! The calluses make us strong! The same is true of your child's academic experiences. The more chance he has to work on the hard stuff and get it right because he did the work, the less the fear will be in facing new challenges and the more he will feel capable of handling more.

Another important thing for you and other people to know is this: most of the kids that I see in my program seem to come in at the transition times. What I mean by this is kids who have just gotten into real school work for the first time (first grade), the beginning of jr. high, the beginning of high school or the beginning of college. As you might already know, each time a child makes the transition to a new level of school, the difficulty goes up and the "spoon feeding" goes down. By the time kids reach jr. high, the spoon goes in the drawer permanently and the kids are asked to do things very independently . If a child has had cognitive processing difficulties all along that have been masked by help from parents and teachers, it becomes quite apparent and painful for the child when the independence requirement increases. This is why these transitions can be so tough!

Regarding whether your child has cognitive processing problems or not, I would have to do a screening on him to determine that for sure, but I will tell you what I have seen happen with other people who have experienced what you have reported. Many kids that I have seen, started with some cognitive deficits which made them ask for help from parents, teachers, etc. Once they made the connection that asking for help meant hardly having to do any work, they began to ask for more help until one day, parents, teachers, etc. are supporting their entire workload. So, it can start out being cognitive deficits and end up both cognitive and behavioral because the behavior worked to make the child feel less uncomfortable and has become a habit now. Think about it. If you felt scared about taking something on and someone else came along who would do it for you, wouldn't you go back for more? Most of us would. As I said before, I think the key for you will not be in blaming yourself or looking back. I think your key is to get him screened, find out if he does have any cognitive processing problems and then start him on a very specific, structured, training program to train him how to take on the work on his own, without fear.

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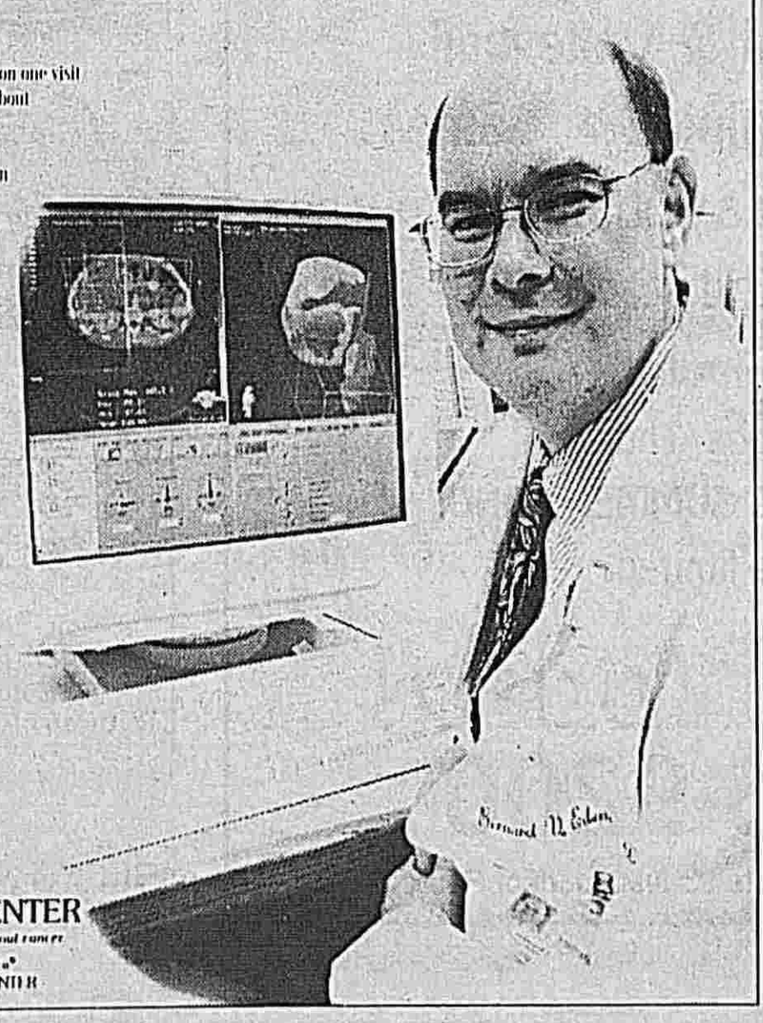
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McNulty Irish Dancers Ring in 2003 with Fiesta Bowl appearance

Shailagh Heneghan – Niles

Where were YOU on New Year's Eve? Ask a member of The McNulty Irish Dancers, and you might be surprised by the answer!

This local dance troupe was chosen to appear in the Fiesta Bowl Parade on New Year's Eve. About 400,000 spectators gathered to watch the parade march down Central Avenue in Phoenix Arizona. The dancers were one of only 14 specialty units to march in the parade.

The McNulty group included 19 dancers, a 9-member color guard and auxiliary unit, and 2 directors as they performed traditional Irish step dancing along the 3-mile parade route. Dancers from the school's Chicago area and Dubuque Iowa locations (ranging from 8 years to adults) participated.

The Fiesta Bowl dancers included:
Margaret and Kathleen O'Leary – Crystal Lake
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Riley Simpson – Arlington Heights
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Meghan Geimer and Caitlin Naureckas – Oak Park
Elizabeth Welch – Brookfield
Erin Sullivan – Elmhurst

In connection with the parade's "Celebrate the Champions" theme, Director Barbara McNulty T.C.R.G. choreographed a routine celebrating the legendary Celtic hero Finn MacCool. MacCool was the brave leader of the elite military guard that protected the ancient kings of Ireland. The dancers' parade costumes, color guard and choreography all contained symbols of and references to the Finn MacCool legends.

The parade was a veritable "who's who" of celebrities. The dancers met Cal Ripken Jr., (Parade's Grand Marshal), The Harlem Globetrotters, Whoopi Goldberg and astronauts from the 13th Space Shuttle mission, STS-110 Atlantis.

The Fiesta Bowl appearance was the culmination of a very successful year for The McNulty Irish Dancers. The dancers have been celebrating their school's 32nd birthday with several high-profile performances, including a 10-day tour of Ireland with a special performance at the request of the Mayor of Waterford City; half-time performances at the University of Notre Dame Men's basketball; the Chicago Blackhawks, Disney's Magnificent Mile Lights Festival in Chicago; and the Marshall Fields Jingle Elf Parade.

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Recently, Lakeland Newspapers' Classifieds ran a contest asking Lakeland readers to share their 'Love Letters'. Although the winners were already chosen, we felt this letter express the spirit of Valentine and wanted to share it with all our readers.

June 6th, 1989

Dear Stella:

My most wonderful and faithful wife, I love you so much. For the past ten years or more you nursed me and suffered right with me and you did every possible thing you could for me, more than any of the doctors you took me to see. I tried to do everything right but you did more for me in these many years than any one in the hours of my sickness. It's no secret I have Parkinsons and at times I can't even walk. You have been my arms and legs for all these years. I want everyone to know that you gave me a bath every three days and also shaved me, and gave me hair cuts. You even put me on the pot and changed the bed sheets. You fed me meals when my hands were shaking real bad and couldn't lift my arms to my mouth. For over ten years you did all this and more. Some days I felt a little better than others and I was so happy not to call you for help every time I wanted to stand up and move around a little. I also feel bad about waking you up from a deep sleep at least two times a night to get me out of bed to go to the toilet.



Stella & Joe Papp

I fell in the snow at least 4 different times, out in the front garden at least 3 times and twice in the backyard. I just couldn't get myself up and you were right there to help me up each time. I can't blame you for yelling at met at times, but in my heart I felt you had to get it out of your system and I could see in your eyes you didn't mean to hurt me. I love you.

If anything should happen to me, I want you to have all our property and money we have that you saved for us. If it weren't for you, I would have nothing. So everything we got is yours to do what you please. You more than earned it with all your thoughtfulness and love.

I am proud of the wonderful family that we have and that you kept together with all your loving ways and they sure know it. There are many more things I would like to say to you about how I thank you for everything.

Love Joe

Joe and I were married June 16, 1940. For 15 1/2 LONG, HARD YEARS, I took care of my sweetheart, all alone. In our time the marriage vows were, in sickness and in health, till death do us part. Joe died March 27 - I miss him.

Stella

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Donald & Florence Gofron

Florence Lucile Okrzesik and Donald Harry Gofron were married, Nov. 29, 1952 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Chicago. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family at Twin Oaks Restaurant in Wilmot, Wis.



Donald & Florence Gofron

They first lived in Ft. Leonardwood, Mo., where Donald was stationed in the Armed Forces. Later they resided in Chicago, Fox Lake for 23 years, and currently Antioch for 24 years.

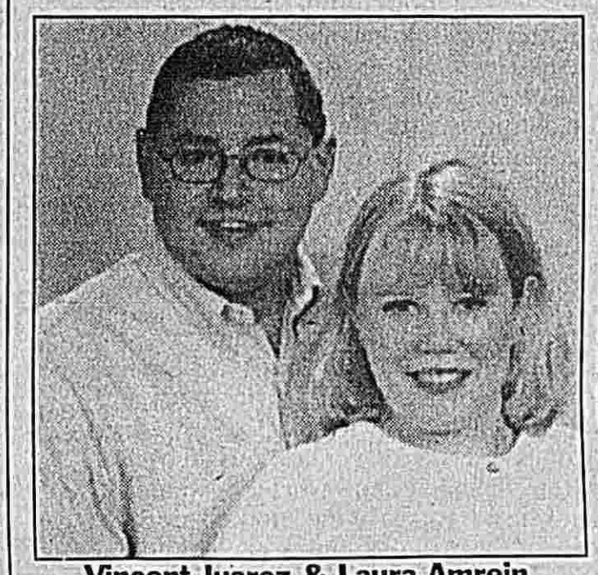
Donald was employed by A&P Grocery in Fox Lake, Coca Cola, and later Commonwealth Edison from which he returned after 36 years as an underground crew leader. He enjoys crossword puzzles, Cubs games, and working his workshop and garage.

Florence was the librarian at Shady Lane School for four years and Grant High School for three years. She enjoys Joint Effort Swim Class at Camp Hastings YMCA in Lake Villa, sewing and crafts. Both Donald and Florence stay young by working on their 5-acre homestead and supporting their grandchildren at sports events.

Besides their children, Paul (Lil) Gofron of Lake Villa, Debra (Keith) Leathers of Johnsburg and Michael (Tami) Gofron of Antioch, the couple have seven grandchildren, Carolyn, Katrina, Kelly, Christopher, Patrick, Lindsey and Kyle.

ENGAGEMENTS

Laura Amrein & Vincent Juarez



Vincent Juarez & Laura Amrein

Laura Amrein and Vincent A. Juarez of Grayslake have formally announced their engagement.

Laura is the daughter of Stephen and Deborah Amrein of Western Springs. Vincent is the son of Ascencion and Suzanne Juarez of LaGrange Park. An October 2003 wedding is planned at the United Methodist Church in Antioch, with a reception at the Antioch Golf Club.

Laura attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and subsequently earned her CPA. She is employed at a public accounting firm in West Dundee. Laura is currently pursuing her MBA from Northern Illinois University.

Vincent attended New Mexico State in Las Cruces, NM, and quickly earned his Professional Golfers' Association Class A membership. Vincent is the Head Golf Professional at Antioch Golf Course.

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The right décor completes the log home lifestyle

Whether the log home is of traditional design and located on a remote hillside or a totally contemporary model in a resort community, the owners are often independent spirits who enjoy the attention a unique home offers. They love being surrounded by the ambience of natural wood and the feeling of rootedness these sturdy homes imply.

Kathy and Dave Janczak of Wisconsin Log Homes have been building these custom log beauties for more than 25 years -- starting with their very own home. They are not surprised by the continuing appeal of log homes, but they have noticed an interesting change in the way their customers are approaching building these days.

"When we first started in this business," Dave says, "the majority of our buyers were the hands-on types. They wanted to be right there and involved in the building." Now it seems that trend has changed. Current buyers are often professional couples who are way too involved in their careers and other aspects of their lives to want to micro-manage the building of their log home. While they will often have very definite ideas about the interior layout and what they want the home to look like, they are very willing to turn the process over to the log home manufacturer once these aspects have been determined. They want their particular log home to look like those they've seen in the log home magazines, but they don't have the time or inclination to make that look happen.

This trend has brought about some interesting changes in the industry. At Wisconsin Log Homes, for instance, they don't just design and build the custom log homes, they are now involved in interior design and furnishings as well. "We find more and more of our customers wanting us to handle the total package," Kathy states. That has meant adding a design center full of custom furniture, lighting, cabinetry and floor coverings, along with specialty items, all specially designed for log homes. People are no longer content just to live in log homes, they want a coordinated feel inside and out that says "log home lifestyle." Much of what is offered in most furniture stores just doesn't fit that image. The scale is too small, or the style too formal.

Log home furniture might feature wood frames and intriguing upholstery patterns and colors. The beds may be made of logs and the headboards intricately carved with outdoor scenes. The lighting fixtures, including table lamps and chandeliers, can be made from antlers or have rustic metal shades featuring cut-out silhouettes. Everything from carved front doors and mantles to log staircases and window frames -- it all comes together for that total log home feel. The Janzcaks find that their customers are thrilled to discover the variety of furniture and specialty items all available in one place and all featured in a log home showroom that helps them visualize what their final product will look like.

"Log home buyers are certainly immersed in finding and creating a home that is theirs inside and out," says Dave Janczak. "They tend to do a lot of research before building by reading log home magazines and checking out various Web sites. They definitely know what they want." By taking advantage of the knowledge and enthusiasm of their buyers, and by adding their own expertise in the log home industry, the Janczaks work to make each of their custom homes a unique creation reflecting that particular buyer's needs and taste.



Owning a log home has long been defined as living and loving a certain lifestyle.

The log home design center is a natural progression in the log home buying process. The concept is new to the industry and was generated by customers' requests for help. "Often times they knew furniture and fixtures like this existed, because they had seen them in photos," Kathy states, "but just didn't know where to begin. Now they can walk into one place, or visit the Wisconsin Log Home Web site, and it's all there for them."

This innovative idea of one-stop shopping for log home buyers is sure to make log homes even more popular. It's a place to tie it all together so that each new home has the look, feel and furnishings that only a log home can supply.

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Zee-Bees have a Lott to look forward to

By JOHN PHELPS
Sports Editor

In team sports, having a good supporting cast is always important.

Zion-Benton might have All-State senior Andre White, but there are plenty of other weapons on this Zee-Bee team.

White might have scored 24 points on 9-of-14 field goal shooting, including six three-pointers, but it was running mate Julian Lott, only a junior, that hit the big shot in the Bees 61-58 non-conference victory over visiting Lake Forest.

With 27 seconds remaining in regulation and the Scouts holding a two-point lead (58-56), White does what he normally does—penetrates to the basket. After all, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee bound guard has made his share of 'big shots' during his four-year stint.

Instead, though, like he has done on numerous occasions, he drew the double team after driving the lane, only to find Lott wide open in the right corner.

"I got his (Julian's) man to draw to me," said White. "We play better when we pass, and that's what I like to do—get everyone involved." A partisan Zee-Bee crowd, some donning the maroon sweater vest that head coach Don Kloth models at almost every game, went nuts after the Lott's trey gave the Bees the lead for good.

"I was thinking it all the way," said Lott, who finished with eight points. "I just knew Andre was going to find me. I just stopped, got my feet set, took my time and nailed the shot."

Lott then sealed the win by hitting two insurance free-throws with 3.3 seconds left on the clock. Then, to add insult to injury, he stole Lake Forest's in-bounds pass and the rest was history. Zion had improved to 22-1 overall, a record that featuers a current 15-game winning streak.

MacArthur White got Zion off to a fast start, netting 12 of his 13 points in the first quarter. Keenan Davis gave the Bees a spark by scoring six points in coming off the bench. Quincy Rogers, who has played a huge role against taller post players, scored six.

The Bees will definitely be the marked team as they earned the top sed in the Waukegan sectional complex.

But first things first. Zion has a date at home with upstart Round Lake Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. If Grant beats North Chicago the same night and Zion wins, it will set up a North Suburban Prairie showdown Feb. 22 when Zion travels to Fox Lake for a rematch between the two Prairie powers. Zion won the first meeting and stands at 8-0 in the league. Grant is still in the hunt for a share of the title at 7-1.

March must be approaching.

Open tae kwon do event at CLC

For the second year in a row, masters, instructors, participants, family and friends are invited to the 2003 Yong Tae Kwon Do Championship. This open event will take place at The College of Lake County on Sun., Feb. 16. Forms competition will kick things off at approximately 10:30 a.m. After forms will be the breaking competition, followed by sparring for black belts, which should commence between noon and 1 p.m.

Champions will be crowned in adult black belt, children black belt, and colored belt divisions.

The admission is $8 for adults and $6 for children. Spectators will also receive $1 off the price of general admission if they bring a canned food donation to the tournament. All donations benefit the Avon Township Food Pantry.

Yong Tae Kwon Do in Round Lake Beach serves as the host for the event. Yong Tae Kwon Do is under the direction of Master Yong Mok Lee. Master Lee is a 6th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, a 7th Degree Black Belt in Hapkido, and a 5th Degree Black Belt in Hwai-bup. Overall, he has 30 years of martial arts experience. Master Lee served as coach for the Junior Olympic team for over 15 years.

Classes for all levels, all ages are available at Yong Taekwondo Center. Please call Master Lee at 847-543-9621 for further information. Hope to see you at the tournament at CLC!



Master Yong Mok Lee (right) of Yong Tae Kwon Do Center in Round Lake Beach presents the Grand Champion trophy to Dave Best for Forms competition. Best, a black belt at the school and local business owner, won the event by doing his form with his eyes closed.

Class AA boys basketball pairings

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(Loyola University super-sectional)
Tue., Mar. 18
Barrington sectional winner vs. Waukegan sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.
Waukegan sectional
Tue., Mar. 11
Zion-Benton regional winner vs. Deerfield regional winner, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 12
Mundelein regional winner vs. Grayslake regional winner, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 14
Sectional title game, 7:30 p.m.
Regionals
Zion-Benton regional
Tue., Mar. 4
(1) Zion-Benton vs. (15) Antioch, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 5
(8) Grant vs. (11) North Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 7
Zion-Benton/Antioch winner vs. Grant/North Chicago winner, 7:30 p.m.
Deerfield Regional
Mon., Mar. 3
(17) Deerfield vs. (19) Vernon Hills, 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Mar. 4
(4) Waukegan vs. Deerfield/Vernon Hills winner, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 5
(7) Highland Park vs. (9) Wheeling, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 7
Waukegan/Deerfield/Vernon Hills winner vs. Highland Park/Wheeling winner, 7:30 p.m.
Mundelein regional
Mon., Mar. 3
(13) Mundelein vs. (14) Lake Zurich, 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Mar. 4
(2) Libertyville vs. Mundelein/Lake Zurich winner, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 5
(6) Stevenson vs. (10) Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 7
Mundelein/Lake Zurich winner vs. Stevenson/Carmel winner, 7:30 p.m.
Grayslake regional
Mon., Mar. 3
(16) Grayslake vs. (18) Wauconda, 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Mar. 4
(3) Warren vs. Grayslake/Wauconda winner, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 5
(5) Lake Forest vs. (12) Round Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 7
Warren/Grayslake/Wauconda winner vs. Lake Forest/Round Lake winner, 7:30 p.m.
DeKalb (NIU) super-sectional
Aurora East sectional
McHenry Regional
Mon., Mar. 3
(13) Marian Central vs. (17) Woodstock, 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Mar. 4
(1) Johnsburg vs. Marian Central/Woodstock winner, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 5
(7) Crystal Lake S. vs. (11) McHenry, 7:30 p.m.
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Area wrestlers have Barrington on their minds

By STEVE PETERSON
Staff Reporter

Grant High School's post-season wrestling momentum continued right where it left off at the North Suburban Conference tournament.

The league champions qualified 12 wrestlers to the Barrington Class AA sectional Feb. 14-15. The Bulldogs also earned the spot in the team dual portion with 235.5 points, outdistancing second-place Warren by more than 100, with 140. The top three individuals from each weight class qualified for Barrington's two-day meet. It will be the same format as wrestlers seek bids to the state tournament the following weekend in Champaign.

"I thought that the kids wrestled pretty well. There are some things that we need to work on, but overall, I am very proud of the team. Kennedy (Jim) and Dennis (Dan) set the tone. Daniel has improved all season. This is the first tournament win for Bigalke (Justin). We know that anything can happen at sectionals," said Grant Coach Ryan Geist.

Kennedy of Grant continued his unbeaten string at 103 pounds with a title, as he beat Dane Lund of Grayslake 12-5. Freshman Blake Johnson took the third and final spot in the weight class as the Blue Devil qualified.

Dennis of Grant won by a fall over Curran Allenstein of Grayslake in his first match at the Grayslake Regional Saturday then beat Todd Sorenson of Waukegan in a fall at the 1:11 mark at 112 to get things really rolling for the Bulldogs.

Matt Fiordirosa picked up the charge for Grant, returning to sectionals with a title at 140 pounds. He beat Jesse Myles of North Chicago in one of the highest scoring matches of the day, 16-1. The senior was second in the state at 135 last year.

The day produced some interesting results. Rob Walleck of Round Lake beat the wrestler who had defeated him at conference, Nate Stoiber of Warren 5-0, to win the 189-pound title. Edwin Gonzalez of Warren repeated at 130 pounds after a conference title. Justin Bigalke of Grant continued to impress in a second-half surge, winning at 135, winning a close 7-5 battle over Round Lake's Al Charping.

"I knew it would be a tough, physical battle. I was down by three points and needed a big five-point move and got it. I did not start off the season well, but a lot of guys helped me in the practice room," Bigalke said.

Senior Rudy Reyes beat Antioch's Taylor Peehauer in the final at 145, 8-4, after both had secured bids. Round Lake's Calvin Reed gained the third bid.

Josh and Chris Mellender gave the family two bracket sheets, given to weight class champions, at 152 and 160 for the Rams. Dane Lund, second at 103, also qualified.

"It's great when we can do that. I'm recovering from a shoulder injury. I still have it in a brace for a precaution," Josh Mellender said. Josh beat Marc Troemel of Grant 10-1 for the crown.

Chris Mellender downed DeOnte Wallace of Waukegan 10-1 in the final at 160.

Warren Coach Mark Tiffany said that his team did not have a great day, but Gonzalez "is wrestling well now. He shoots well," he said.

Carlson won the 171-pound weight class to give Warren a second champion. He beat Nate Rodriquez of Grant in a close 3-2 battle.

Mike Campese of Antioch won at 215, beating Joe Baruffi 8-6 in another close battle in the title round.

Steve Slocum of Zion, in the final match of the day, beat Round Lake's Mark Beaton in double overtime 2-1.

Two aggressive wins came for third-place qualifiers. Grant's Jason Neumuller was trailing Ryan Archibald of Zion-Benton before he won by a fall at the 3:44 mark.

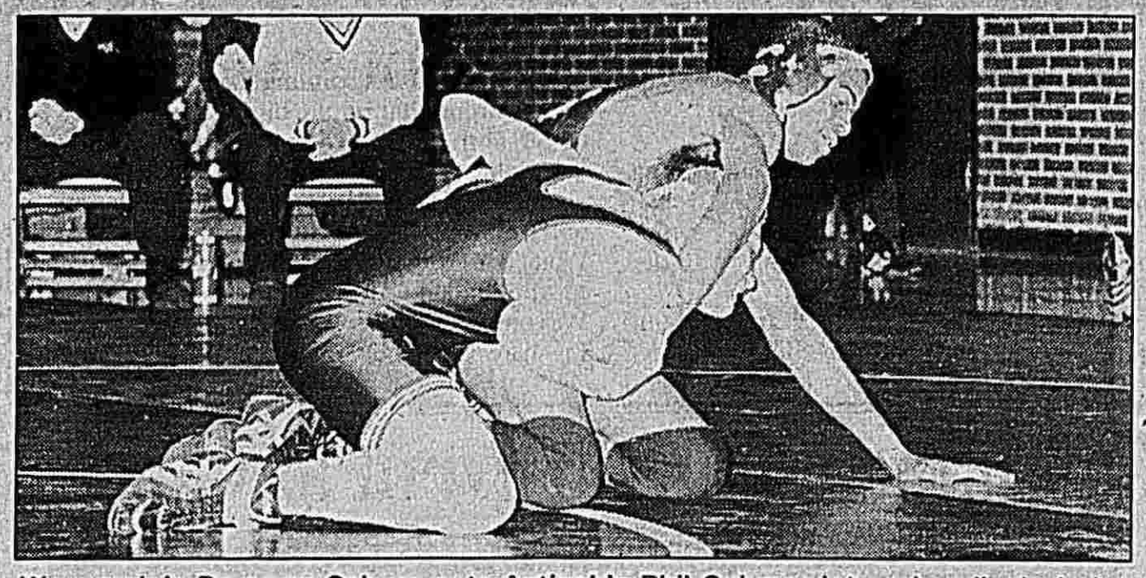
Antioch's Ryan Schuster lost a one-point decision but came back to take third at 125.

Scott Pocasangre of Round Lake, a sophomore, beat Grant freshman Joe Barczak 11-4 in the finals at 125. Barczak had defeated Pocasangre for third place at the NSC meet.

Toby Temple of Grant won a third-place and qualifying spot with an 11-3 win at 130 over Kory Mueller of Antioch, who had won twice. Jesse Linczmaier took third place at 160. Kyle Stigler took third at 171 for Antioch, winning his third-place match in a fall in 3:06.

Mike Simmons of Grant lost to Ariel Cruz of Waukegan 8-3 in the final at 119. Ted Strychalski of Warren bounced back from a loss to Cruz to win two matches and gain third place.

Ted Silvetti of Round Lake came back to win third at 152. Drew Swanson of Antioch took third at 275.



Wauconda's Damarro Coburn puts Antioch's Phil Sehmer into a headlock during their match in the North Suburban Conference tournament.— *Photo by J.W. Sternickle*

Vernon Hills regional

It has been a record-setting year for two Mundelein High School wrestlers.

Seniors Matt Wagemann at 135 pounds and Nick Yoder at 152 continued on that quest while qualifying for the Barrington sectional with solid meets at the Vernon Hills Regional. Wagemann won the 135-pound weight class while Yoder was second at 152. MHS qualified six for the Barrington Sectional, Feb. 14-15. They will be shooting for the top three spots in each weight class, which qualify for the state individual meet in Champaign on Feb. 21-22.

Libertyville won the team title at Vernon Hills with 189.5 points. Mundelein was third behind Stevenson with 110.

Jim and Mark Friend both qualified as regional champs again for LHS, capturing the titles in the 145 and 160 weigh classes, respectively. Jeff Keske of LHS beat Beuckman of MHS for first in an 11-6 decision at 125. Rob Callen of LHS took first at 119, and Dale Moosman wrapped things up with a title at 275 for the Wildcats.

Wageman met Stevenson's Gene Gorlok in the finals, and as in the NSC meet last week, won, by a 6-2 decision.

Junior Juan Ruiz of Vernon Hills won the 140-pound bracket, downing Jeremy LaPlante of Stevenson 11-9 in an exciting final. Junior Jon Alcala of Vernon Hills continued his strong wrestling from the conference meet, as he won a third place at 145, beating Manny Cruz of Mundelein 9-3 and earning the sectional bid for the Cougars.

For Yoder, who lost to Roger Smith-Bergsrud of Lake Forest in the final, 7-2, the name of the game is falls. "It was a very close match. He had set the school record for falls. He got his 25th pin of the year. Last year, he had 14 and now, to go to 25, is great," Seeger said.

Other Mundelein qualifiers were Josh Revelo at 112 pounds, who lost in the title to Wauconda's Neil Swanson, 3-1; Adam Revelo qualified with a third at 103, with a major decision over Brian DeYoung of Lake Forest; sophomore Will Beuckman at 125 who lost to Keske as the two had a repeat of their conference meet final; Mike Avalos at 215 took third, with an overtime win by decision over Jason Karpel of Stevenson.

Other sectional qualifiers for Libertyville included: senior Matt Ivantic at 130 with a second-place effort; junior Evan Easterhouse took third at 140; junior Mike Baier took third at 171; and Chris Mohs was second at 215.

Brian Schoo gave Wauconda a second qualifier at 145, as he reached the finals before losing to Mike Friend 11-1.

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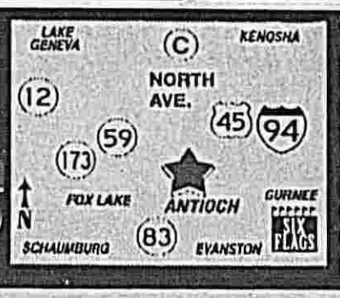
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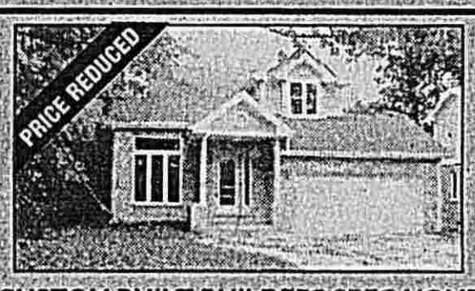
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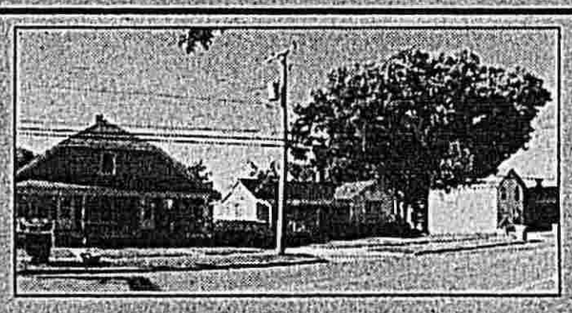
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Raymond D. Hook

Age 84, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Feb. 5. 2003. He was born in Round Lake Beach, the son of the late John and Avi Hook.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his sons, Timothy R. Hook and Gary J. Hook; his cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Delbert and George Hook.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake on Feb 10 at 11 a.m. Entombment followed at Ascension Catholic Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends visited with the family at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake Feb. 9 from 2-6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vista Star Hospice, 2615 Washington St., Waukegan, IL 60085

Marcella Rothunde (nee Abel)

Age 82, a resident of Lake Villa, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003 at St. Therese Hospital in Waukegan. She was born to Earl and Margaret (nee Payne) Abel in Hazard, Ky. and was a veteran of WWII having served her country in the U.S. Army. During her lifetime was a foster mother to 101 children.

Survivors include her children, Carol (Kenneth) Andrews of Salem, Wis., Wayne (Trish) Rothunde of Ingleside, Yolanda (Mark) Frantzich of Lake Zurich, Kimberly Rothunde of Zion , Robert Rosa of Lake Villa; many grandchildren; nine great grand children; and a great-great grandson; and a brother. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Rothunde; a daughter, Paula Warwick; five brothers and a sister. Friends of the family visited Feb. 7 from 4-8 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, Fox Lake (The Chapel on the lake) and again on Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. at the Calvary Christian Center in Lake Villa, where funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. with Pastor William Kruger officiating. Burial followed at Avon Cemetery in Grayslake. The family would appreciate Memorials to the Calvary Christian Center, Route 134 and Monaville Road, Lake Villa, IL 60046.

Marjorie Kliesner (nee Dexter)

Beloved wife of the late William; cherished mother of William (Joann) Kliesner, Marjorie (late John) Miller, Carole (late Russell) Edwards, Kathryn (late Michael) Babiarz and late John (Verna) Kliesner; devoted grandmother of 21; great grandmother of 35 and great-great grandmother of four; sister of the late Dorothy Froberg, Richard Dexter and George Dexter.

Funeral service was held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 10 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa to Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa for a 10 a.m. funeral mass. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. Visitation was on Feb. 9 from 2-6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Paul 'Wes' De Roo

Age 75 of Bristol Township, Kenosha, Wis., passed away Wednesday, Feb . 5, 2003 at St. Luke Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis. He was born in Chicago, the son of the late Paul Cyril and Dorothy (Wilson) DeRoo. Wes served in the U.S. Army and a former member of the Antioch Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife Kendall Victorine, whom he married on Nov. 15, 1980 in Chicago; eight children, Paul W. (Sue) DeRoo, Jr. of Tampa, Fla., James E. (Bronwyn Elkuss) DeRoo of Chicago, John M. (Lisa) DeRoo of Orlando, Fla., Tyler W. DeRoo of Bristol Township, Wis., Barbara DeRoo of Wheaten, Beverly DeRoo of Los Angeles, Calif., Loretta (Harry) Anderson of LaPorte, Ind., and Margaret DeRoo of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral service with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Feb. 10 at St. Joseph Church in Summit. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip at 1 p.m. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Donations to a family memorial would be appreciated.

Helen K. Bailey

Age 95 of Round Lake passed away Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003 at Pebblebrook Nursing Facility in Lake Bluff. Born Feb. 24, 1907 in Scottdale, Pa., the daughter of the late Albert Booker Ridenour and Emma Hough.

She leaves her grand daughter, Dona (special friend, Chuck Drygas) Van Cleve who was raised as Helen's daughter; her grandson, Jeff (Jody) Van Cleve, and grand daughters, Tracy H. Kujawinski and Carrie A. Kujawinski and great-great grand daughter, Kelly Cleaver, Carol Krueger, Diane (Danny) Smith, Robert Macey, Danny (Debbie) Macey, Nancy Kristianson, Scott Macey, Cindy Zebrowski, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Bailey; a daughter, Mary Jane Macey; grandson, Michael Macey, and great-grandson, Jody Van Cleve.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Feb. 13 at the Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake with the Rev. Lisle J. Kauffman of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Round Lake officiating. Interment followed at the Fort Hill Cemetery in Round Lake. Friends of the family visited on Feb. 13 at the funeral chapel from 1-2 p.m.

Gretchen Lou Howe (nee Biel)

Age 65, formerly of Antioch, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003 in Phoenix, Ariz.

She is survived by her brother, Paul (Aileen) Biel of Antioch; a niece, Jennifer (John) Franco of Mundelein; three nephews, Mark (Debra) Biel of Springfield, Andrew Biel of Lyons, Colo., Stephen (Beth) Biel of Milford, Ohio; two great nieces; a great nephew and a step great nephew. She is preceded in death by her husband, William and her parents, Louis and Myrtle Biel.

Joseph A. Drehobl

Age 73 of Lake Zurich, passed away Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003 at the ManorCare Health Services in Libertyville. He was a 1947 graduate of Lane Tech High School in Chicago. Joe completed flight school and obtained his pilot's license. He maintained the aircraft and owned several planes.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine (nee Glader) Drehobl; nine children, Terri (Dan) Bizek of Bristol, Wis., Mark Drehobl of Nashville, Tenn., Joe (Janice) Drehobl of Claremore, Okla., John (Susan) Drehobl of 'Dover, NH, Robert (Lorraine) Drehobl of Lombard, Jan and Steve Drehobl, both living in Florida, Joy (Robert) Dunigan of Glen Ellyn and Dirk (Marie) Drehobl of Palm Coast, Fla.; 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a brother, Gerard, and sister, Kay. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Ann Drehobl.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m., Feb. 10 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 2-8 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Cardiac-Pulmonary Dept. of Lake Forest Hospital in his memory.

Laurence E. Van Patten

Age 96 of Paddock Lake, Wis., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003 at his home. He was born in Antioch, the son of the late William and Lillian (Brown) Van Patten. On April 9, 1933, he married Virginia Rosenstock in Kenosha, Wis. and she preceded him in death on March 23, 1998.

He is survived by seven children, Laurence (Waltraut) Van Patten of Bedford, Tex., Phyllis (Bradley) Retzlaff of Montello, Wis., James (Connie) Van Patten of Paddock Lake, Wis., Janice (Donald(Schubert of Silver Lake, Wis., Gerald (Sharron) Van Patten of Appleton, Wis., William (Marlene) Van Patten of Livonia, Mich. and Robert (Becky) Van Patten of Forston, Fa.; a brother; 30 grandchildren; 59 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by an infant son, Joseph; a grandson, a grand daughter and a sister.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was private in Greenwood Cemetery, Kenosha, Wis. Friends called at the funeral home from 9 a.m. Feb. 8 until the time of services.

Helen Lucas Bass

Age 75 of Hope Mills, NC and formerly of Lake County, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2003 in North Carolina. She was a homemaker the majority of her life and member of the Sycamore Tree Senior Center in Hope Mills, NC.

She leaves her children, Deanna Kroner of Dahlgren, Va., Patricia Zitzuski of Oak Island, Linda Bass of Gages Lake, Brenda Bass of Hope Mills, NC, Debra Bass of Hope Mills, NC., Daniel J. Bass of Hope Mills, NC, Jon W. Bass of Oak Island; sisters, Rosemary Payne of Warren, Vt., Louis Malatesta of Trumbull, Conn., and Valerie Barrachina also of Trumbull, Conn.; and eight grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Adell Bass on Dec. 6, 1984.

Chapel services were held at 10 a.m., Feb. 12 at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Libertyville with burial following. Arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake.

Adan M. Arebalo

Age 20 of Mundelein, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003

Adan is survived by his loving parents, Armando and Marie Arebalo; and dear brothers, Armando M. and Adrian M. Arebalo.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m., Feb. 8 at Santa Maria Del Popolo Church in Mundelein. Visitation was from 4-9 p.m., Feb. 7 at the Kristan Funeral Home PC in Mundelein. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to United Cerebral Palsy, 1660 I. St., NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036.

Gilbert S. Van

Age 91 of Waukegan, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003 at his home. He was an assistant physical director of the YMCA for 13 years and he volunteered at Victory Memorial Hospital's gift shop for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Van; a son, Lee (Gina) Van of Hot Springs, Ark.; a daughter, Susan (Brad) Herbeck of Libertyville; a niece; three stepchildren, Jane (Charlie) Ward of Kansas City, Mo., Phil (Jeanie) Terrill of Wadsworth and Joe (Anne) Terrill of Glendale, Mo.; four grandchildren; 14 step grandchildren and 19 step great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Grace (Lee) Van on May 4, 1986 and his stepson, Gene Terrill on April 3, 2001.

Funeral services were held at First Christian Church in Gurnee on Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. with Elizabeth Tsang officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Star Hospice or First Christian Church in his name. Arrangements were handled by the Marsh Funeral Home.

Sean Patrick Warnecke

Age 18 months of Ingleside, passed away suddenly on Friday, Feb. 7, 2003 at Froedtert Memorial Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. He was born in Evanston, the son of Cynthia (nee Kerrigan) and Mark Warnecke. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Makayla; his maternal grandparents, William and Nancy Kerrigan and paternal grandparents, Richard and Barbara Warnecke.

Funeral services will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at St. Bede Catholic Church, Wilson Road and Grand Avenue (Route 59/Route 132) in Ingleside. Rev. Tim Fairman will officiate the 9 a.m. funeral mass. Interment will be at Grant Cemetery in Ingleside. Visitation will be on Friday, Feb. 14 from 4-8 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Route 83 (two blocks south of Route 132/Grand Avenue), Lake Villa. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to: Sean Warnecke Memorial Fund, c/o Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 26, Fox Lake, IL 60020.

George Kull

Age 81 of Gurnee, Zion and Wadsworth, died Saturday, Feb. 8 in Zion. He was an Army veteran of WWII and recipient of the Purple Heart.

George is survived by two sons, Kenneth (Linda) Kull of Big Pine Key, Fla. and Keith (Wanda) Kull of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; two daughters, Kristine (Garry) Lindsey of Zion and Karen (Duane) Austin of Albertville, Ala.; 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Elaine in 1976 and a sister, Doris Hain in 1986.

Visitation was Feb.11 from 4-7 plm. And Feb. 12 from 11 a.m.-noon at the Gurnee/Salata Funeral Home in Gurnee. Interment was at Warren Cemetery. Donations to the Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee in his memory would be appreciated.

Lottie Bielen (nee Niemczyk)

Age 98 of Waukegan passed away in the comfort of her home on Feb. 10.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Christine) Bielen of St. Louis, Mo.; grandson, Jeff (Beth) Ponder; grand daughters, Shelby and Shea Ponder; brothers Thomas Twardy and John Twardy; sisters, Stella Dolinar and Mary Phipps; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Eleanor; hus band, Wqalter; brothers and sister.

Funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m. at Queen of Peace Church in North Chicago. Burial was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Salata/Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee.

Nathaniel Job Welch

Infant son of Christopher and Dawn (nee Czarnecki) Welch of Kenosha, Wis., passed away Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003 at the Lake Forest Hospital. Also surviving are his grandparents, Thomas and Cathleen Czarnecki of East Troy, Wis. and Robert and Barbara Welch of Chicago.

A memorial service was held at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 11 at the East Troy Bible Church in Wisconsin. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

George Opitz

Age 85 of Gurnee, passed away Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003. He was born Aug. 14, 1917. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and served as Captain in the Waukegan fire department.

Survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Lorraine Opitz of Gurnee; two daughters, Sandra Hassforth of Janesville, Wis. and Debra (Thomas) Nemeth of Gurnee; a brother, Joseph (Joyce) Opitz of Waukegan; a sister, Elizabeth (Jacob) Bernhart of Racine, Wis.; three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Matilda Opitz; three brothers; a sister and a grandson.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee. Funeral service took place at 10 a.m., Feb. 12 at Marsh Funeral Home. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville

Mildred Mueller (nee Budde)

Age 104, died in the comfort of her home in Spring Grove. She lived in Spring Grove for 22 years and worked as a bookkeeper at the Chicago Hardware Foundry early in her life.

Mildred is survived by her son, Joel of Spring Grove and is preceded in death by her husband, Carl in 1969 and a brother, Dr. A.E. Budde in 1952.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Feb. 10 at the Gurnee/Salata Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Northshore Garden of Memories. Visitation was from noon-2 p.m. at the Gurnee/Salata Funeral Home.

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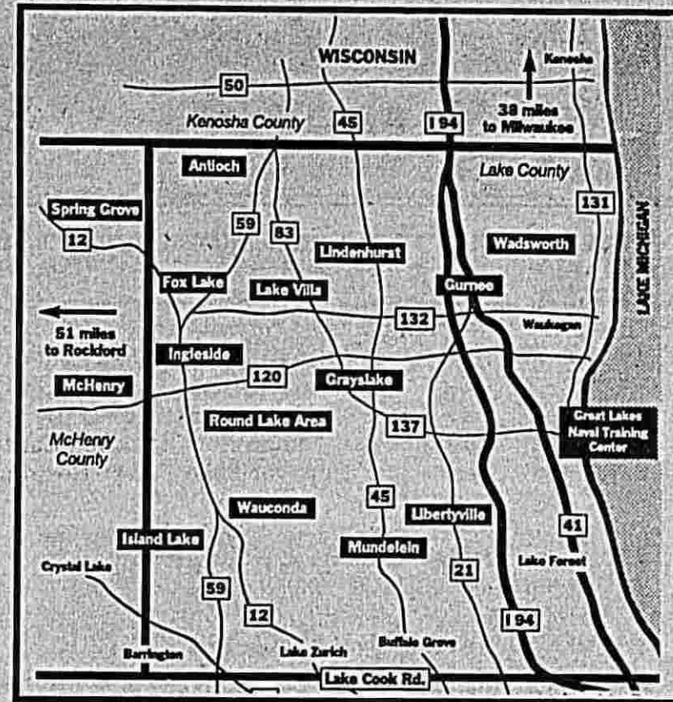
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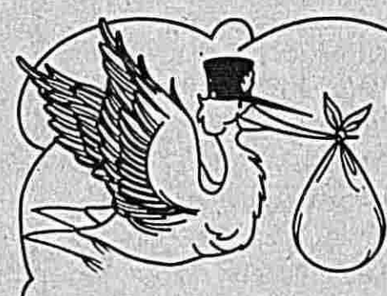
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Prepare for a Job Fair Before Attending

By Scott T. Fleischmann

As spring approaches, and with it comes the job fair season. The candidates who are most successful at these events have two things in common. Firstly, they plan and prepare to get the right interviews. Then they know what to expect when they arrive at the fair, and how to make the most of the available time.

The job fair is an opportunity to meet with recruiters immediately. This shortened process eliminates the first step, the application. Normally, one needs to send in a resume or fill out an application (or both) before getting an opportunity to meet those whom will make the hiring decision. At a job fair, candidates meet the recruiters before they have even seen the resume.

With that in mind, it is important to make a good first impression so that the recruiter will want to proceed with the interviewing and hiring processes. Here are some ideas on how to prepare for a job fair.

B Know the companies that will be attending. This information can normally be found in the newspapers that sponsor the event. If the advertisement for the job fair does not list the attending companies, look at all of the employment ads. Those who are attending will normally identify themselves in those ads.

After identifying the companies, go to their web sites to find out more about them, and the skills that they need. Based on that information prioritize the companies that sound like good possibilities, those that need your skills and provide the environment, benefits and culture that meet your needs. Then make sure to stop at all of those companies during the fair.

B Prepare resumes long before the event. Have them printed on good quality paper. Print enough of them so that you will have enough. Plan to bring 25% more resumes than the number of companies that will attend the fair, just in case some companies want more than one resume.

B Getting to meet the recruiters before applying is a significant advantage only when the candidate makes a good first impression. The first step in making the desired impact is good grooming. In addition to normal hygiene, plan to get a haircut or trim several days before the job fair. Shoes should be clean and polished.

For men, make sure that fingernails are clean and neatly clipped. Facial hair needs to be conservatively trimmed. Women who use nail polish should do so conservatively. Jewelry should be simple, not gaudy or oversized. I recommend the rule of seven for jewelry, never wear more than seven pieces of jewelry. An earring in each ear, a watch, a ring and a necklace would allow two other accents.

B Plan to dress at the upper echelon for your profession. A good test is to dress at the level of the manager to whom you report. For those in a profession, that is probably a conservative suit (for both men and women.) For those in the trades, that could be clean jeans or work pants with a casual shirt. If in doubt, it never hurts to dress slightly better. Plan to get dry cleaning or laundry and pressing done before the event to avoid a last minute rush.

That covers the preparation for the job fair. Next time we will explore what to expect at the fair and how to get the best results when you attend.

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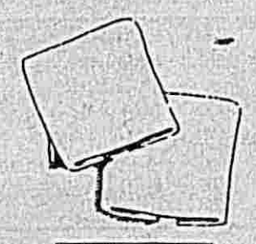
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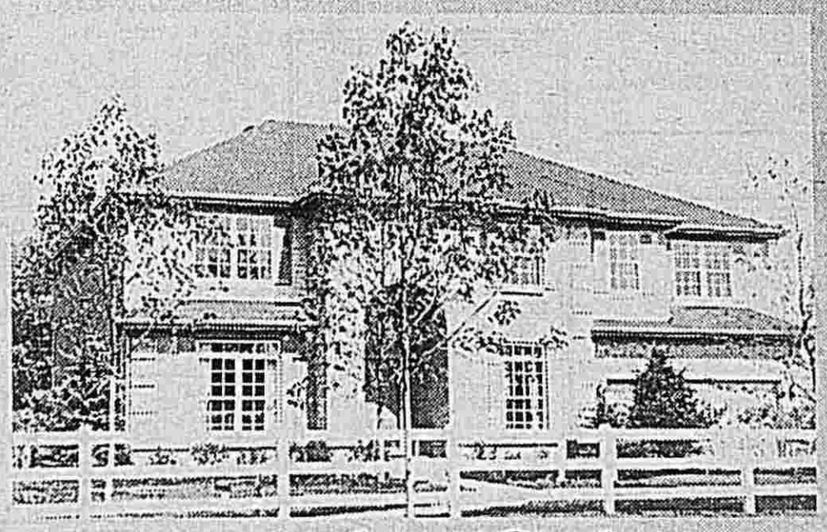
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PUBLIC NOTICE
A.J. SELF STORAGE
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ROUND LAKE, IL 60073

Notice is hereby given that **A.J. Self Storage**, 702 Sunset, Round Lake, IL 60073, will sell the personal goods and items from the following unit to satisfy the lien of **A.J. Self Storage** (Seller) for rental and other charges due from Unit #2
Occupant: Roy Kressen
Contents: Various household furniture and miscellaneous items.

These items and all items stored in the above unit will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Removal of all items from the premises must be within three days from the date of sale and a security bond posted to cover same.

Sale will be held on Saturday MARCH 1ST 2003 on the premises of **A.J. Self Storage**, 702 Sunset, Round Lake, IL 60073 at approximately 11:00 A.M.

A.J. Self Storage reserves the right to withdraw ad or all of the above mentioned items prior to the sale. Not responsible for accidents.

Dated: February 12, 2003
0214B-5246-RL
February 14, 21, 2003

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LEGAL NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLAN COMMISSION
WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Wauconda that a public hearing will be held on March 3, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Wauconda, Illinois, to hear the Petition of **MARGARET MULVANEY**, as Owners of the Real Property described to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PCL 1: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, INCLUDING LOT 27 AND PART OF LOT 29 AND PART OF LOT 25 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA BY JOHN H.S. LEE IN BOOK "D" OF PLATS, PAGE 42 AS DOCUMENT 67027 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 29 AT A POINT WHICH IS 46 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 29 (MEASURING IN RIGHT ANGLES); THENCE NORTHWESTRLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 29, LOTS 27 AND 25 TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 25 WHICH IS 71 FEET 8 INCHES SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 25 (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES); THENCE NORTHEASTERLY TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AFORESAID ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 25 EXTENDED TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF A LINE DRAWN PARALLEL TO AND 46 FEET (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 29 AND EXTENDED TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AFORESAID THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID LAST MENTIONED EXTENDED LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING IN TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, AND THAT PART OF LOTS 29 AND 30, BY JOHN H.S. LEE, RECORDED IN BOOK "D" OF PLATS, PAGE 42, AS DOCUMENT 67027, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 29; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE THEREOF TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF A LINE DRAWN PARALLEL TO AND 46 FEET (MEASURED IN RIGHT ANGLES) SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 29; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE AND SAID PARALLEL LINE, EXTENDED TO A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND SOUTH ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 29 EXTENDED NORTHEASTERLY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED EXTENDED LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3: THAT PART OF LOTS 32, V 35 AND 36 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 32; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 91° 19 MINUTES 15 SECONDS, MEASURED FROM THE SOUTHEAST TO THE NORTHEAST WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 32, A DISTANCE OF 310.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF BANG'S LAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID WATER'S EDGE 9.2 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT IN THE NORTHEASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 32 AS LOCATED BY A SURVEY OF B.P. THACKER'S DATED AUGUST 6, 1949; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 310.9 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA MADE BY JOHN H.S. LEE RECORDED FEBRUARY 10, 1897, AS DOCUMENT 67027, IN BOOK "D" OF PLATS, PAGE 42, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The common address is: 206 N. Main St.
Wauconda, IL 60084

The physical location of the Real Property is on North Main Street at the Northeast corner of the intersection and Main Street and Slocum Lake Road, Wauconda, Illinois.

Petitioners are requesting rezoning of the property from the Commercial Recreational (CR) zoning classification to the Residential 4 (R4) Zoning Classification of the Village of Wauconda Zoning Title.

Petitioners are requesting a variation from the Developmental Ordinance to reduce the minimum distance between driveways on the arterial road.

Petitioners are requesting subdivision of the property into 5 single family residential lots in the accordance with the proposed Plat of Subdivision.

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall, 101 North Main Street, Wauconda, Illinois.

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVEN MADSEN, Chairman
Wauconda Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission.
Dated at Wauconda, Illinois this 10th day of February, 2003.

STEVEN MADSEN

0214B-5238-WL
February 14, 2003

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME
Change of Owner's Legal Name or Address or Business Address Change or Addition
NAME OF BUSINESS: INNER AWARENESS INSTITUTE
ORIGINAL DATE FILED: February 16, 2001
OWNER'S LEGAL NAME CHANGED OR ADDRESS CHANGED FROM: Ardean S. Calloway, 138 N. Sylvan Dr., Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 970-5393.
TO: Ardean S. Ruby, 138 N. Sylvan Dr., Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 970-5393.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the above change(es) to the named business have been made effective January 13, 2003.
Ardean S. Calloway, 138 N. Sylvan Dr., Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 970-5393. Ardean S. Ruby, 138 N. Sylvan Dr., Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 970-5393.
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of January 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Miriam D. Lampert, Notary Public
Received: Jan 17, 2003
Willard R. Helander, Lake County Clerk
0131E-5217-MN January 31, February 7, 14, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District 116, Lake County, Round Lake, Illinois at the District Administrative Office, 316 South Rosedale Ct., Round Lake, Illinois on or before Friday February 28, 2003, for the purpose of removing asbestos from the Raymond Ellis Elementary School. Bids will be received in the Administrative Office at the above address until 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2003. Bidders are invited to be present at this time for the bid opening. All bids must guarantee that not less than the prevailing rate of wages will be paid to laborers, workers and mechanics performing the work as required to complete the contract.

A copy of the specifications may be obtained at the mandatory pre-bid walk through inspection of the project site that will be held on Monday, February 24, 2003 starting at 4:15 p.m. local time, or by contacting JMS Environmental Associates, Ltd. at 630-655-8500.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid that is in the best interests of Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District 116.

Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District 116
0214B-5229-RL
February 14, 2003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
Estate of HELEN E. BURGESS,) No. 01 P 885
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of HELEN E. BURGESS, of Waukegan, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 4, 2001, to JUANITA BURGESS, of 280 Gean Street, Mesquite, Nevada 89027, as Independant Executor, whose attorney is RONALD RUNKLE, CLARK & RUNKLE, P.C., 236 Center Street, Grayslake, Illinois 60030.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, Room C-307 or with representatives, or both, on or before August, 15, 2003, which date is not less that 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

JUANITA A. BURGESS
Independent Executor
RONALD RUNKLE, Attorney
0207A-5223-GP
February 7, 14, 21, 2003

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Unit No. 113 belonging to Cynthis McDonough consisting of miscellaneous boxes.

Unit NO. 134 belonging to Dawne Deegan consisting of miscellaneous boxes.

Disposal of the items will take place at Affordable Self Storage, 133 So. Route 12, Fox Lake, Il. on March 1, 2003 at 10:00 am.

0214B-5237-FL
February 14, 21, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business:
The Turn Shop
Nature/Purpose: Machining & Job Shop
Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
1934 W. Prairie Mist Dr
Round Lake, IL 60073,
Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: Brad Raube, 1934 W. Prairie Mist Dr., Round Lake, IL 60073, (847) 740-2744
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.'
/s/Brad Raube
Jan 20, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 21st day of January 2003
Recieved: Jan 21, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0207A-5224-RL
February 7, 14, 21 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS:
un pannier de surprise
NATURE/PURPOSE: Gift Baskets
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
329 Brierhill, Round Lake Park, IL 60073,
(847) 546-6730
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Kimberly S. Kreml, 329 Brierhill, Round Lake Park, IL 60073, (847) 546-6730.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Kimberly S. Kreml
January 21, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 21st day of January 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Kendra L. Lynch
Notary Public
Received: Jan 21, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5211-RL
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS
A.M. BUILDER'S
NATURE/PURPOSE: Electric Maintenance
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
151 Arthur Ave., Fox Lake, IL 60020, (847) 973-2231
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Andrew J. Morrison,
151 Arther Ave., Fox Lake, IL, 60020, (847) 668-2230.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Andrew J. Morrison
January 22, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of January 2003

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Jan 22, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
RED ROVERS
NATURE/PURPOSE: Dog & Cat Boarding & Grooming
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
23339 W. Grass Lake Rd., Antioch, IL 60002
(847) 395-6111.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Sheila Thulin, 9204 N. Solon Rd., Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-4011.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Sheila Thulin
January 22, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 22nd day of January 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Jan 22, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5213-AN
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
J.G.N. ENTERPRISES
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Handyman Home Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
34799 N. Robin Rd., Ingleside, IL 60041,
(847) 740-6368.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
John G. Norkus, 34799 N. Robin Rd., Ingleside, IL 60041, (847) 740-6368.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ John G. Norkus
January 12, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 21st day of January 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda Torres
Notary Public
Received: Jan 21, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5216-FL
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Nancy G Wallace, CPA
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Accounting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
706 Washington, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, (847) 735-0314.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Nancy G. Wallace, CPA
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Sheila Thulin
January 22, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 4th day of January 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Barbara Grossman Stone
Notary Public
Received: Jan 22, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5215-GEN
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
PARTNERS DENTAL, P.C.
NATURE/PURPOSE: Dental Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
3115 Lewis, Zion, IL 60099, (847) 746-1115.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
David S. Ness, 3482 Ellis Avenue, Gurnee, IL 60031, (847) 746-1115.
Jennifer S. Garland, 13380 W. 21st Street, Wadsworth, IL 60083, (847) 746-1115.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ David S. Ness
December 30, 2002
/s/ Jennifer S. Garland
December 20, 2002

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of Dec 2002.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Cynthia Tippet
Notary Public
Received: Jan 15, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5214-GP
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
ACCENT CLEANING SERVICE
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Cleaning
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1630 Verde Court, Mundelein, 60060, (847) 949-0127.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Urszula Tokarz, 1630 Verde Ct., Mundelein, IL-60060, (847) 949-0127.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Urszula Tokarz
January 28, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 28th day of January 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Laura B. Dunbar
Notary Public
Received: Jan 28, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5220-MN
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
GEMS
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Jewelry & Gift
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
20581 W. North Ave., Antioch, IL 60002,
(847) 395-2171.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Julie Tolbert, 20581 W. North Ave, Antioch, IL 60002,
(847) 395-2171.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Julie Tolbert
October 8, 2002

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 8th day of October 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Joy Tadavich
Notary Public
Received: Jan 15, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0131E-5221-AN
January 31, 2003
February 7, 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
JRO Sales
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Online Product Sales (Resell Manufacturers' Products)
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
317 N. Emerald Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060,
(847) 949-6014.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING, OR TRASNACTING BUSINESS:
James Randall Oliver, 317 N. Emerald Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 949-6014.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ James Randall Oliver
February 3, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AMENDED BUDGET HEARING
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
24226 W. Beach Grove Road
Antioch, IL 60002

The proposed amended budget for the 2002/03 school year for Emmons Grade School will be on public display in the school office during regular office hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Amended Budget Hearing will be held on March 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

0214B-5243-AN
February 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
Michael Norman Smith)
For CHANGE OF NAME)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Public notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2003, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from
Michael Norman Smith to that of Michael Norman Greco, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.
Dated at Island Lake, Illinois, February 7th, 2003.
0207A-5227-WL February 7, 14, 21, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 13, 2003, at 2:00p.m., a sale will be held at BOB'S MARINA, INC. 25584 West Route 173, Antioch, Illinois, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skill or material expended upon a storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice.

Name of person	Description of Article	Amount of Lien
Melissa Mazzacano	26' Galaxy Classic Boat Serial #GALKY005M83C Registration #IL4206GR	$1,408.20

Said articles will be sold for cash, cashier's or certified funds to the highest bidder.

BOB'S MARINA
BY TIM PALM

BOB'S MARINA, INC.
25584 West Route 173
Antioch, Illinois 60002
847-395-1173

0214B-5236-AN
February 14, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 3rd day of February 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public
Received: FEB 3, 2003
William R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0207A-5225-MN
February 7, 14, 21, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Quality Arms
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Sell firearms
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
27682 Glenayre Street, Ingleside, IL 60041,
(847) 973-8962.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
Robert Cayet, Elaine Cayet, 27682 Glenayre Street, Ingleside, IL 60041,
(847) 973-8962.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/Robert Cayet
/s/Elaine Cayet
January 24, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct business this 24th day of January 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Beatrice J. Freeman
Notary Public
Received: January 27, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0207A-5226-FL
February 7, 14, 21, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Hallmark Realty Company
NATURE/PURPOSE.
Sale of Residential, Commercial, Industrial Real Estate
ADDRESS(ES WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1225 South Elmwood, Waukegan, Illinois, 60085, (847) 775-2444, P.O. Box 8756, Waukegan, Illinois, 60085, (847) 479-2917.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
Robert L. Richards, 809 Yeoman Street, Waukegan, Illinois, 60085, (847) 479-2917.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Robert L. Richards
February 6, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct business this 6th day of February 2002.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Sandi Berkowitz
Notary Public
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Illinois Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands	
ASSETS		
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		2,773
Interest-bearing balances		77
Securities:		
Held-to-maturity securities		0
Available-for-sale securities		5,266
Federal funds sold		3,850
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		0
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases held for sale		0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	63,059	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	511	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance		62,548
Trading Assets		0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		1,565
Other real estate owned		0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0
Intangible assets:		
Goodwill		1,850
Other intangible assets		337
Other assets		834
Total Assets		79,100

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LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
In domestic offices		64,144
Noninterest-bearing	9,612	
Interest-bearing	54,532	
Federal funds purchased		0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0
Trading liabilities		0
Other borrowed money (including mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)		5,500
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0
Subordinated notes and debentures		0
Other liabilities		1,034
Total liabilities		70,678
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries		0
EQUITY CAPITAL		
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus		0
Common stock		300
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)		6,974
Retained earnings		1,079
Accumulated other comprehensive income		69
Other equity capital components		0
Total equity capital		8,422
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital		79,100

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement or resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

I, DENNIS HUGHES CASHIER
of the above named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Director #1 John Burnett
Director #2 Jack Richtman
Director #3 Phil Coleman

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
David Joseph Smith)
For CHANGE OF NAME)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Public notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2003, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from
David Josph Smith to that of David Joseph Greco, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.
Dated at Island Lake, Illinois, February 7th, 2003.
0207A-5228-WL February 7, 14, 21, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE
THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Public notice is hereby given to all persons in the village of Fox Lake, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois, that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, March, 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 301 South Route 59, Fox Lake, Illinois, relative to a proposal to revise and update the Zoning Code of the Village of Fox Lake (Title 9, Section 9-1-1 of the Municipal Code).
A copy of the proposed revision and update of the Zoning Code is on file and available for examination at the Fox Lake Village Hall, 301 South Route 59, Fox Lake, Illinois, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals
Ron Stochl, Chairman
0214B-5240-FL
February 14, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

TO: Thomas A. Kotek
508 Woodland, Wauconda, IL 60084

Your right to use space(s) 421 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of $182.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until pad or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 2/10/03, Rent: $140.00, Inventory: $30.00, Late Fee: $12.00, Due Date: 2/10/03, Balance: $182.00, TOTAL DUE: $182.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 2/5/03 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Stereo, Speakers, Wood chest, Clothes, Records, Books, Tools. Date and Location of Sale: 3/3/03 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at: 847-526-5055

0214B-5244-WL
February 14, 21, 2003

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Rite Heating and Cooling
NATURE/PURPOSE
Air conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY
2201 Sprucewood Lane, Lindenhurst, Illinois 60046, (847) 265-2777
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
Elmer Fuller, Judith Fuller, 36189 N. Hazelwood, Ingleside, Illinois, 60041, (847) 546-0981, Terrence Kittelson, Sheryl Kittelson, 2201 Sprucewood Lane, Lindenhurst, Illinois, 60046, (847) 265-6413
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown
/s/ Elmer Fuller
/s. Judith Fuller
/s/ Terrence Kittelson
/s/ Sheryl Kittelson
February 3, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct business this 3rd day of February 2003
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ William D. Stanley
Notary Public
Received: February 3, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0214B-5230-CV
February 14, 21, 28, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Gold Bridge
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Jewelry distribution and wholesale
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
458 White Oak Lane, Barrington, Illinois, 60010, (847) 381-0908.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
Vlad Dobbs, 458 White Oak Lane, Barrington, Illinois, 60010, (847) 381-0908.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Vlad Dobbs
February 5, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 5th day of February 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: February 5, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0214B-5231-WL
February 14, 21, 28, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS: Gloria's Cleaning Services
NATURE/PURPOSE: Cleaning
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 36417 Green Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087, (847) 623-6552
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING, OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Gloria Cruz, 36417 Green Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087, (847) 623-6552
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown
/s/ Gloria Cruz
February 10, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct business this 10th day of February 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
Kendra C. Lynch
Notary Public
Received: February 10, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0214B-5246-GP
February 14, 21, 28, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Lucash 24KT.
NATURE/PURPOSE: Mobile Gold Plating Service
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
25238 W. Hawthorne, Antioch, IL 60002, (847) 838-3703
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING, OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Scott J. Lukach, Agnes M. Lukach, 25238 W. Hawthorne, Antioch, IL 60002 (847) 838-3703.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Scott J. Lukach
/s/ Agnes M. Lukach
February 9, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct business this 9th day of February 2003.
Notary Public
Received: February 10, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0214B-5241-AN
February 14, 21, 28, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS: Guarna & Associates
NATURE/PURPOSE: Consulting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 27418 Primrose Ln., Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 566-8350
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING, OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Vincent A. Guarna, Jr., 27418 Primrose Ln., Mundelein, IL 60060, (847) 566-8350
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Vincent A. Guarna, Jr.
February 10, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct business this 10th day of February 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: February 10, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0214B-5242-MN
February 14, 21, 28, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Gifts Are We
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Giftware-Retail
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
36440 Westmoor Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046, (847) 740-1509, P.O. Box 433, Round Lake, IL 60073.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Jill Schwartz, Richard Schwartz, 36440 Westmoor Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046, (847) 740-1509.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Jill Schwartz
/s/ Richard Schwartz
February 3, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 3rd day of February 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Tara M. Canasta
Notary Public
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LEGAL NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/PLAN COMMISSION
WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Wauconda that a public hearing will be held on March 3, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Wauconda, Illinois, to hear the Petition of **JAMES R. REARDON, VIRGINIA REARDON, SUZANNE SEAMAN and JOSEPH SEAMAN**, as Owners of the hereinafter described (the "Territory"):

EXHIBIT "A"

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 44 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner, of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter: thence North 88° 50' 54" West along the North line of said Northwest Quarter of said Southwest Quarter, 773.63 feet; thence South 0° 02' 36" West, 41.31 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of Bonner Rd; for a point of beginning; thence Easterly along said Southerly right-of- way line, being along a non-tangential curve having a radius of 66070.0 feet; as said curve is convexed to the North, for an arc distance of 417.87 feet (said curve having a chord bearing South 89° 01' 39" East and a chord distance of 417:87 feet) to a point of tangency; thence South 88° 50' 54" East along said right-of-way line, 147.21 feet; thence South 9° 38' 14" West, 359.94 feet; thence North 88° 50' 54" West, 505.11 feet; thence North 0° 02' 36" East. 354.76 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel containing 4.37 acres, more or less, in Lake County, Illinois.

The common address is: 25829 Bonner Road, Wauconda, IL 60084

The physical location of the Real Property is approximately 200' West of the intersection of Garland Road and Bonner Road, Wauconda, Illinois.

Petitioners are requesting that upon annexation of the property into the Village of Wauconda, that the territory be rezoned from the Residential 1 (R1) zoning classification to the Residential 2 (R2) Zoning Classification of the Village of Wauconda Zoning Title.

Petitioners further request approval of a subdivision of the territory into six (6) lots within the Residential 2 (R2) Zoning Classification.

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall, 101 North Main Street, Wauconda, Illinois.

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVEN MADSEN, Chairman Wauconda Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission
Dated at Wauconda, Illinois this 10th day of February, 2003.
STEVEN MADSEN
0214B-5239-WL
February 14, 2003

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

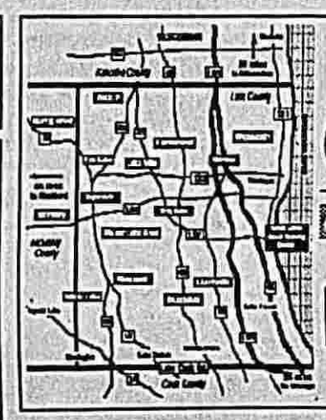
The Department of Children and Family Services has received a request to change the conditions of the license held by Allendale Association, a child care institution, located at Grand Avenue Box 277, Lake Villa, Illinois 60046.

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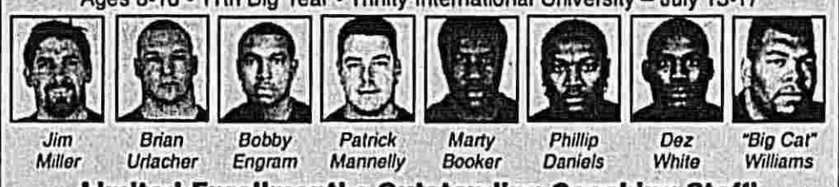
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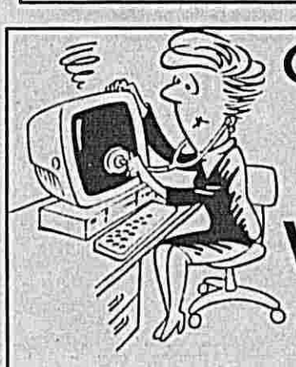
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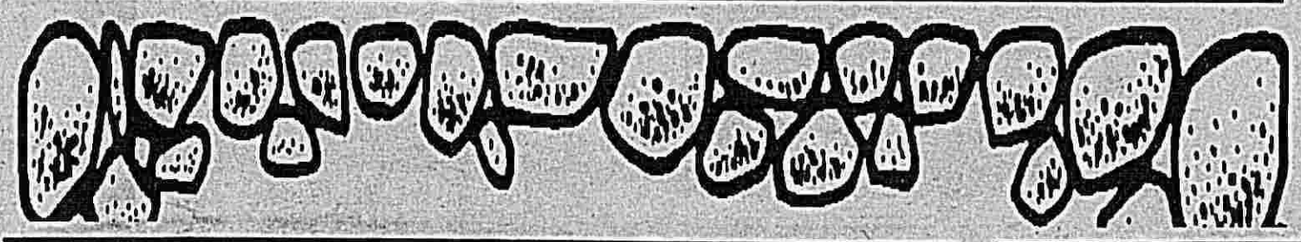


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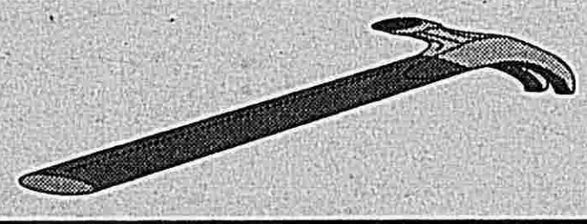
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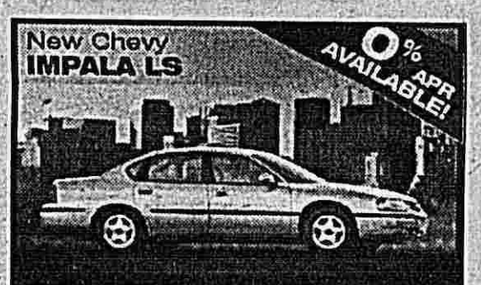
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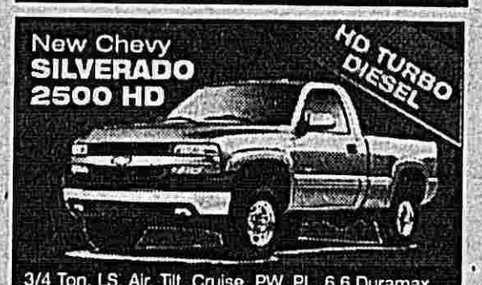
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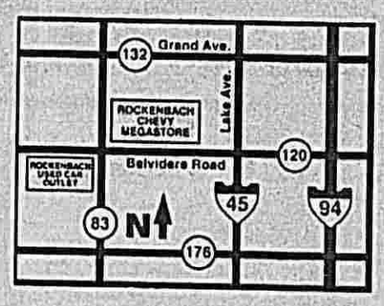
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the Dating Game

'Blind dating' seen through new eyes



Valentine's Day: Eros is out shilling for Hallmark, FTD and DeBeers. Surf and turf and teddy bears are on sale at Jewel. Many of those who are unpartnered watch the heart-spangled frenzy with wistful envy. Or do they?

Venues for adult singles to meet each other have become more creative as traditional methods become less viable. The demands of longer work weeks and the social isolation of the suburbs make it increasingly difficult for those past the age of schoolgirl crushes to find 'significant others.'

At the same time, both men and women in search of love have become more proactive, no longer sitting with folded hands waiting for Mr. or Mrs. Right to fall from heaven.

Alternatives abound, from personal ads to computer matchmakers to chatlines and chatrooms, but most agree, nothing beats the chemistry of a face-to-face meeting.

Two styles of soulmate-searching have emerged, usually breaking down along generational lines. Those over 50 still tend to opt for social settings, where they can meet and share drinks, dinner and dancing.

Those under, accustomed to a world of institutionalized ADD with 100 channels on television, 100-CD changers in their cars and millions of Internet web sites a mouse-click away, are trying to bring efficiency to dating.

In Lake County, both styles of matchmaking are available. For those in a hurry, a kind of dating marathon has become popular. The method, first emerging in Germany in 1997, was introduced in Los Angeles in 1999 by Yaakov Deyo, who dubbed it "Speed Dating." He was trying to find a way to help Jewish singles find marriage partners without wasting time on long, but fruitless, dating relationships.

Speed Dating brought men and women together in a series of eight-minute "dates." Each pair would quickly ask a few pertinent questions and then move on to the next person. In theory, it is just enough time to determine if a dating relationship should be attempted at all.

Since then, numerous imitators have spring up all over the world. Each has its own variations. Some extend the "dates" to as long as 15 minutes, while others have cut the time down to a rapid-fire networking experience.

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
Staff Reporter
Photos by J.W. Sternickle

About a year-and-a-half ago; Warwick Greville brought his own non-sectarian version of marathon dating to the Chicago area. Now 35-years-old, Greville had tried eight-minute dating, and found the exposure to eight people in a session was not enough.

"I wanted more exposure," he said. "I found that three minutes was just enough time to find out if I wanted to see a person again. It's what I call the three-minute chemistry test."

During the past 18 months that Greville has run "three-minute dating", he has hosted 92 Chicagoland events. Two couples who met at those events have since gotten married. Greville has been running the sessions full time since 2001.

Generally, more women than men respond; in the interests of keeping the numbers equal, women sometimes are turned away.

"About 50 percent of our daters are 30-40 years old," he said. The remaining half is split evenly between those under 30 and those over 40.

The male-female ration changes with age. For those 20-30 years old, the ratio is 1-to-2. For those 30-40, it increases to 1-to-3. Men between 40-50 will think it's raining women, with a 1-to-4 ratio.

Women living up near the Wisconsin border might consider taking a ride to Milwaukee, where the numbers are more equal; while men might want to head south to Chicago, where the number of women increases still more.

During a typical three-minute dating session, daters will meet about 10-15 people in the first hour. After a short break, they will meet another 10 in the second hour. Cards are filled out, marking each date "yes" or "no." Greville tabulates the matches, and where there are matching "yeses," phone numbers are given out.

Greville is a living testimony to the method. In August 2001, he met his steady girlfriend, Stacey.

"She was date number 103 in my 3-minute search," he said. "We totally clicked, and after our first (real) date, we didn't call anyone else."

The next 3-minute dating session will be held at Grill 21, in Libertyville, on Feb. 25, from 6:30-9 p.m. Registration is required. To register, or to get more information, call 847-473-4363 or 773-506-1595, or e-mail warwick@3MinuteDating.com.

If three minutes seems too fast, try slowing down to a leisurely 10 minutes at an "Accelerated Dating Party." Stan Rosenberg hosts the first event on Feb. 15, at 1 p.m., at the Byron Colby Barn at Prairie Crossing, Grayslake.

Rosenberg's method is a little different than Greville's. Not only are the dates longer, but daters have the option of "yes," "no" or "maybe."

"Guys are more likely to say 'yes,' and women are more likely to say 'no,'" Rosenberg said. He believes offering the "maybe" option will make it easier for women to consider a possible match. "If there is a 'yes' and a 'maybe' I will call the 'maybe' and offer a second chance to say 'yes,'" Rosenberg said.

He offered the advice that rapid daters avoid asking, "where are you from?" and "what do you do?" in favor of questions more likely to reveal commonality.

"You need to get beyond that, and find out what people like to do, what their goals are," he suggested.

Those interested in trying his method can make a reservation or get information by calling 847-543-1202.

Older people may find the pace of even 10-minute dating too fast, and not relevant. For many people over 50, meeting other singles is more about forming friendships, and then letting nature take its course.

A congenial group of singles over 55 meets every Saturday morning for breakfast at In-Laws Restaurant, on Route 21 just south of Grand Avenue (Route 132) in Gurnee. The group, with about 200 members on its official roster, goes on outings to dinner and plays, as well as, occasional dances. Breakfast Club president Chuck Winter said, "We saw 17 plays last year."

The informal group is very low-pressure, with an emphasis on conversation and conviviality. Nevertheless, a few couples have met through the group.

Marc Huntley, 58, and Carole Mongeon, 60, are a regular item, dating for a year-and-a-half. Huntley, who lives in Gurnee, joined the group after five years as a single.

"Before that, I never went to any groups. I wasn't social," he said.

Mongeon, who lives in Lindenhurst, had been single for eight years when she joined the group.

Drop-ins are welcomed. More information is available by calling Chuck Winter at 847-362-5458.

Those over 45 who enjoy a party atmos-

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Bob Phillps of Beach Park and Maria Crabb of Zion share breakfast and a few smiles during a weekly buffet for singles 55 and older.



Marc Huntley of Gurnee and Carole Mongeon of Lindenhurst met during a weekly breakfast buffet held for singles 55 and older.



(from left) Bobbi Cogan of Round Lake, Wendell Fujibayashi of Libertyville, and Deanna Rogers of Grayslake share a breakfast buffet during a weekly get together for singles 55 and older.



Jack McLellan of Gurnee and Judy Ziegler of Round Lake Beach cut a rug during an event sponsored by Solo Singles, a group for singles 45-plus.

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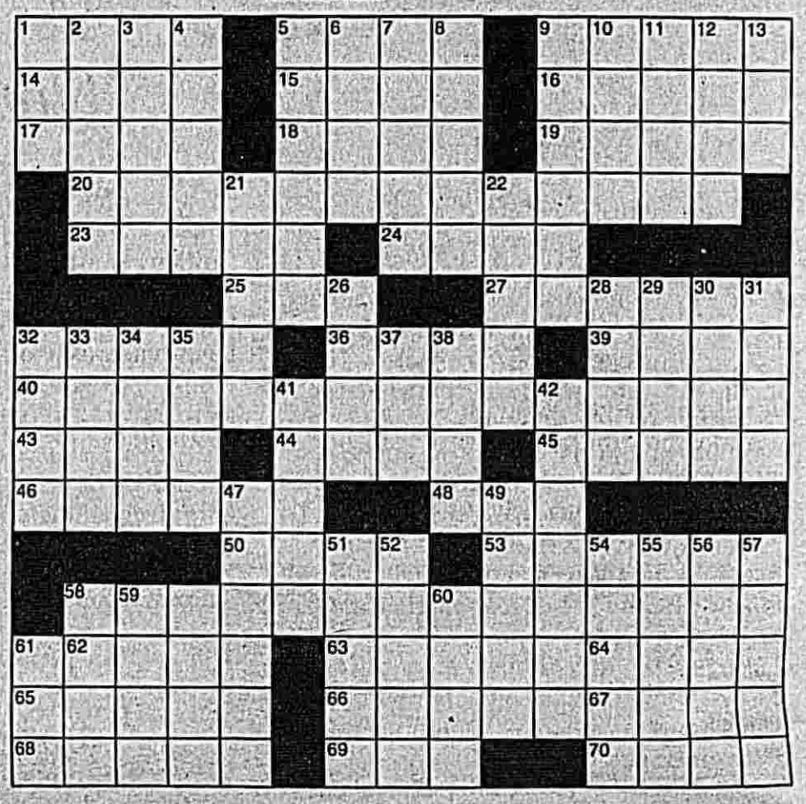
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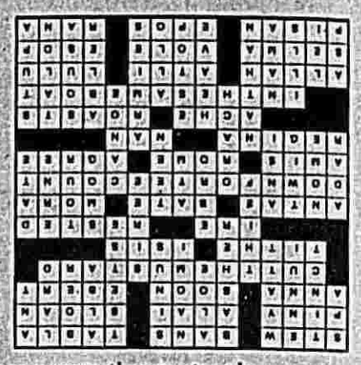
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14. Fir trees
15. Jai __, sport
16. John __, US painter
17. Former copper coin of Pakistan
18. Presently
19. Movie critic, Roger ___
20. Succeed
23. Donate income regularly
24. Egyptian goddess
25. Wrath
27. Took a breather
32. Pillars
36. A way to soak
39. A short syllable (poetry)
40. Knockout
43. Friends (French)
44. Capital of Italy
45. Tally
46. Capital of Saskatchewan
48. __ Ling, Chinese mountain range
50. Have a yen for
53. Cuts of meat
58. Shares a predicament
61. Supreme being
63. King of Huns
64. A very attractive woman
65. Civil rights city in Alabama
66. Wood rat
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68. From city on Arno
69. Epic
70. Toad genus

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1. A fashionable hotel
2. A way to dye
3. Blahs
4. Famous Marshall
5. One who bops
6. Herbaceous plant
7. Mother-in-law of Ruth, Bib.
8. An air cavity within a bone
9. Blood-sucking African fly
10. Sunrise (Spanish)
11. Dutch colonist
12. Add details to
13. Insect living in organized colonies
21. Crook
22. Obsequious use of title
26. A Spanish river
28. Air pollution
29. Type of vacation
30. Type of eagle
31. Appointment
32. Month in Hebrew calendar
33. Alaskan town
34. Branch
35. Body that defines computing protocols
37. Bank machine, abbr.
38. At a specific prior time
41. Mountain spinach
42. Birchbark, for one
47. __ Hale, American revolutionary
49. Military services
51. Throw with great effort
52. Hinder law
54. More competent
55. John Philip __, conductor
56. Esp. on a bird of prey
57. Marks a sacred plot
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The group, founded over 20 years ago, used to meet at the Gale Street Inn in Mundelein, but when the inn moved across the street, its new location was not large enough to accommodate all the partygoers.

John Mellen, of Buffalo Grove, has been coming to the gatherings for about three years.

"It's a nice, safe group," he said. "It's not a 'meat market.'"

Although billed as a group for those "over 45," the majority of those present appeared to be well over 50. A friendly, but somewhat nonplussed 37-year-old, Jeff Quimby, said he enjoyed the nice people, but was "looking for people nearer my own age."

Quimby, divorced for 11 years, said he was ready for a permanent relationship but had not been successful using Internet matching services or personal ads. He was hoping the in-person chemistry of a singles' event would work better.

Dancers might want to check out the Barn of Barrington, 1415 Barrington Road, where dances are held at 7 p.m. every Sunday. The dances, including a buffet dinner, cost $5 before 7:30 p.m. and $7 after 7:30 p.m. For information, call 847-987-6737.

Parents Without Partners, open to any single parent (even if your fledglings have already grown and flown the coop) invites newcomers to meet at its monthly orientations. The orientations are followed by dancing and socializing. The organization holds five social activities each month.

Julie Charts, vice president of the Lake County chapter, said the average member age is 30-50 years old. About half have dependent children, with age ranges from 5-20,on average.

The next orientation meeting will be on Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., at the County Faire Apartments clubhouse on Route 120 at Route 45 in Grayslake. For information, call 847-817-5687.



Al Sasavage of Waukegan and Nancy Pataky of Wadsworth enjoy each others company during a weekly breakfast buffet for singles 55 and older.

Being singled out on Valentine's Day might not be half bad

By CATHY WILSON
Special to Lakeland Newspapers

OK, let's face it—being alone on Valentine's Day is different.

Everywhere you look there are little red hearts and kisses. Everything you read is all about how to please your man or your woman on Valentine's Day. Most of us single people, either feel horrible about being alone on this "oh great day of love" or we just feel sort of like we are missing out on something.

We love our kids if we have them or our parents or our friends. We appreciate all those people in our lives and maybe we get gifts for them or send them cards on Valentines Day and that feels good because those relationships are important and on any other day of the year that's enough. But on Valentine's Day it still feels like we're missing out on something if there's no "significant other" in our life.

Take heart, there are some definite advantages to being alone on Valentine's Day.

First of all, the people who do have a "significant other" are put under tremendous pressure to find just the appropriate gift for Valentine's Day. Not too serious, but serious enough. She spends days and days trying to find an autographed hockey shirt from his favorite team; he just picks up a card and some thin mints.

Also let me remind you of the many benefits of being single:

Is your bathroom filthy, filled with; for woman; make-up smears and droppings, five different brands of moisturizer bought in an attempt to find the one that smells just right, broken barrettes, a pierced earring back or two? For men; one brand of shaving cream, one razor, 15 different kinds of cologne, most of them gifts from other people and many of them at least 10 years old, one kind of hair gel, one comb or brush, and a blow dryer? No one minds.

When you accidentally lose the toothpaste cap down the drain, no one yells at you. When you mistakenly step on the shower curtain and several of the holes on the shower rings break, no one faults you.

And what about the rest of the house? Do you like it clean or do you like it cluttered? It's your choice. It doesn't matter if you trip over 25 pairs of shoes as you walk in the door. It's OK if the week's mail is left strewn all over the kitchen table. Or maybe you're very neat. You like your magazines arranged in alphabetical order. Or you feel completely unorganized if one dish is left in the sink. Being single, your house can be as clean or as messy as you are comfortable with. When you come home, you can close the rest of the world out and flop down anywhere you want for the ultimate relaxation.

When it comes to cooking and eating habits, you can eat what and whenever you want to. If you prefer eating your macaroni out of the pan next to the stove, that's fine. You can do whatever you want.

Any annoying habits?

Do you know people who are sniffers, hating to bother with Kleenex, preferring their shirt sleeve or the back of their mitten?

When you get sick, it's true there may not be someone there to take care of you, but at least there's no one there to be disgusted with you either. No one telling you have to sleep on the couch because you are too germy. No one yelling at you for leaving used Kleenexes all over the house.

So you see, being single is not so bad after all. Remember there are good and bad things to all areas in our lives. There are many good things about being in a relationship. There are also bad things. There are bad things to being single, but there are also many good things. If you're single, make sure you focus on all the benefits—especially on Valentines Day.

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SPECIAL EVENT



Bluegrass Cabaret at the Byron Colby Barn

The Half Day Bluegrass Band

The Half Day Bluegrass Band will perform Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. at the Byron Colby Barn in the Prairie Crossing Community.

The Half Day Bluegrass Band is comprised of five bluegrass musicians from around the Chicago area, united in a passion for bringing the music of Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, Stanley Brothers and others to life for the current generation. Performing with the standard bluegrass instrumentation (mandolin, banjo, fiddle, guitar, resonator guitar, and stand-up bass), Half Day delivers fierce instrumentals and close three-part harmonies in a repertoire of traditional and contemporary bluegrass. Half Day consists of Emery Langmar (banjo), Lisa Kleis (bass and vocals), Paul Koptak (resonator guitar and vocals), John Strong (mandolin and vocals) and Kristin Theerman (lead vocals, guitar).

The cost is $15 per ticket checks payable: Byron Colby Barn. This is a BYOB/appetizer cabaret event. For information/RSVP, please contact: Stan Rosenberg 847-543-1202 or bcbarn@prairiecrossing.com.

The Prairie Crossing Community is located in Grayslake, 1/2 mile south of Rt. 120 on the west side of Rt. 45 at Jones Point Rd. (exit Rt. 120 west from Rt. 94; then go 4.1 miles west to Rt. 45; turn left).

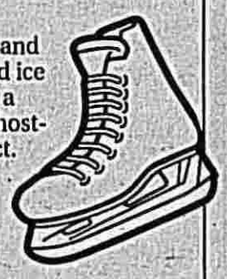
DANCE

African dance

When Djoniba Mouflet traveled to Africa in his youth, he became fascinated by the rhythms and movement of African dance. Now as an adult, he has developed a unique exercise program that celebrates African culture and gives you a great workout. As he says in his new book, "Joneeba! The fitness and exercise program inspired by the dances and drums of Afica" (Hatherleigh Press, 2002), "A good workout releases all stress and allows both the inner and outer body to share equal benefits." "Joneeba is one of the most exciting ways to work out in our time," Mouflet says. His exercise program combines a unique warm-up that stretches, strengthens, and tones the body with powerful West African dances done to the rhythm of the drums. "It creates the harmony and freedom to feel and move freely with the rhythm to express yourself without inhibition,being the best you can be." His book, Joneeba! (Hatherleigh Press, $15.95) is available from bookstores everywhere, or by calling 1-800-528-2550.

SALE

Ice skates



On Saturday, Feb. 15 , adults and children can purchase gently-used ice skating and hockey equipment at a Skate and Equipment Exchange, hosted by the Northbrook Park District. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., shoppers can browse through and shop for merchandise located at the Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Rd. Pick up for unsold items will be after the sale, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. For more information about this exchange, call 847-272-8154.

THEATRE

CLC concert revisits jazz

"Jammin' With Pops," a new musical revue recalling the lives and music of jazz greats Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, will be presented at the College of Lake County at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Mainstage Theatre of the Performing Arts Building. The show is written by Barry Harman, whose best works include the Broadway hit "Romance/Romance" and episodes of the television comedy hits "All in the Family," "The Jeffersons" and "The Carol Burnett Show." "Jammin' With Pops" is produced by Encore Attractions, which recently toured "Mahalia, "Unforgettable," "The Nat King Cole Story" and "Master Class." Tickets are $25 for the general public and $23 for CLC staff, students, alumni members, and seniors 65 and over. For information and tickets, call the box office at 847-543-2300.

'The Little Mermaid,' the musical

Christian Youth Theater of Lake County is pleased to present an original musical production of "The Little Mermaid". Christian Youth Theater is a not-for-profit after school theater arts program for 6-18 year olds. Performances will be held at the Christian Performing Arts Auditorium, 2500 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion,. Friday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb, 15, 2 and 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22, 2 and 6 p.m.. School day performances: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. This musical version of "The Little Mermaid" features a comic spin on the original Hans Christian Anderson tale. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the box office at 847-516-2293 or in person at the Christian Performing Arts Auditorium one hour in advance of the show time. Plenty of good seats are available. Ticket prices are $10 for adults and $8 for children 12 and under. Special rates are available for school field trips and groups of 20 or more. For more information visit www.cytchicago.org

The Belle of Amherst

The Bowen Park Theatre Company proudly presents its first production of 2003—"The Belle of Amherst", a play based on the life of Emily Dickinson. A great play to see on a cold, winter day. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays, Feb. 7, 14 and 21; Saturdays, Feb. 8, 15, 22 and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. on Feb. 9, 16 and 23; and will take place at Goodfellow Hall, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive, in Waukegan. Tickets are $20; $15 for Seniors/Military and $10 for students. For reservations and tickets, call 847-360-4740 or visit the web site at www.ticketweb.com.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Singles

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Chicago Bulls

The College of Lake County student activities office will sponsor an excursion on Feb. 19 to the United Center to see the Chicago Bulls basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers. The bus will depart at 7 p.m. from the C-Wing of the Grayslake Campus. Tickets are $77 for the general public and $75 for CLC students, staff and alumni members. For tickets call 847-543-2300.

Ski Trip



The College of Lake County student activities office will offer a trip on Feb. 22 to Wilmont Mountain in Wis. The bus will depart at 8 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. A ski package is available for $58, which includes ski equipment rentals, lift ticket, lesson and transportation. An ID and $10 cash deposit is required. If you have your own equipment, the cost is $45. A snowboarding package is also available for $65, which includes board, boots, lesson and transportation. A $100 deposit is required for snowboard and boots. Call the box office at 847-543-2300 for tickets.

MUSIC

Irish party

Duke O'Brien's will host an evening of Irish music, food and beer on Friday, Feb. 21 no cover until 8:30 p.m.. Live music will be provided by the Irish trio, "Tippler's Way" and the rock band "Wicked Garden" who takes stage at 10:30 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage will be on the menu. Duke's patrons will raise their pint glasses at 11 p.m. in the annual attempt to break the world's record for the Guinness Toast.

VOLUNTEER

Searching for volunteers

Find out how to be a part of the local Red Cross by attending a volunteer information session on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.,at the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago facility in Mundelein at 535 N. Lake St., which is one-half block south of Route 176. For more information about volunteering or about this session call 847-949-1000.

AUDITIONS

Annual auditon

Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble's annual audition for trainee, apprentice and full company positions will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Barrington Dance Academy, 758 W. Northwest Highway. in Barrington-located in The Foundry, Northwest Highway. and Hart Road. Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 years and with intermediate or advance level ability are to arrive at 11:30 a.m. to register for audition. Registration fee is $10. Ballet attire required. For more information, call 847-382-6333.

'You Can't Take It With You'

Village Theater of Palatine will be holding auditions for their next production "You Can't Take It With You", by Moss Hart and George Kaufmann. Auditions will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 17, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., callbacks Feb. 17. Auditions will be held at Cutting Hall, 150 E. Wood St., in Palatine. Actors will be asked to do cold readings from the script. Familiarity with the script will be helpful, and headshots are desirable. No appointment necessary. For more information, call 847-882-8846. Village Theater is also looking for backstage volunteers and technical crew. For more information on that call 847-381-8443.

GCHS to host national tour of 'Unsinkable Women'



The most famous ocean liner ever launched, the great ship Titanic sank below the freezing waters of the North Atlantic at 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912. There were 1500 people still on board. Now the JENA Company of New York presents a new play about the women who survived that night and the remarkable lives they had afterwards. As one of its stops on a 60-city national tour, "Unsinkable Women: Stories and Songs from the Titanic" comes to the Grayslake Community High School Theatre on Saturday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Based on actual diaries, letters and interviews, "Unsinkable Women" brings to life eight famous figures, including Madeline Astor, the beautiful teenage bride of John Jacob Astor, one of the wealthiest men in America. And, of course, there's Margaret Tobin Brown—the "Unsinkable Molly" herself—whose account of the ship's final moments brings the evening to its dramatic climax. Violet Jessop tells of the friendships and loves of the serving crew below deck, and Nora, an English music hall performer on her way to New York to appear in American vaudeville.

"Unsinkable Women" will appear at Grayslake Community High School for one night only as part of a national tour playing coast-to-coast from January to May 2003. For information and tickets, call 847-223-8621, ext. 1118.

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'Sky Girls' captures spirit of aviation pioneers

A scene from "Sky Girls" features (from left) Jen Engstrom, Paula Stevens, Michele Graff, ana Sferruzza and Julie Ganey.

CRITIC'S CHOICE
by Tom Witom

I guess I'm happiest when there's some room between me and the ground." That quote, from one of the aviators in "Sky Girls," sets the tone of this engaging new history play written by Jenny Laird and directed by BJ Jones making its premiere through Northlight Theatre at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Set in the summer and fall of 1944, the story unfolds at the rough-and-tumble Avenger Field military barracks in Sweetwater, Texas, where the final class of trainees for the WASPs (Women Air Force Service Pilots) is struggling to earn their wings.

The characters themselves are fictional, but the program was real. Some 1,879 women pilots passed through the program, which graduated 1,074. Until the WASPs were summarily deactivated on Dec. 20, 1944, its members – rigorously trained in the same exercises as their grudging male counterparts — flew 77 varieties of planes on more than 12,000 missions.

Laird creates a sisterhood of down-to-earth characters who breathe flesh and blood life into the story of these largely unheralded heroes. Despite a passion for flying and determination to make a contribution to the war effort, they had many obstacles to surmount, from sex discrimination to internal sabotage.

From the outset, the life-like sounds of aircraft takeoffs sets the mood for the audience, along with the background voice of Movie Tone announcer Jeff Lupetin. John Culbert controls the lighting with pinpoint accuracy, perfectly adding to the isolation in the cockpit during flight.

Meanwhile, the six women characters in "Sky Girls" form a homogeneous cross-section of America: Lia Mortensen as Jackie Cochran, the legendary force responsible for the WASPs' inception in 1942; Michele Graff as Bishop, one-time stunt pilot and leader of the latest group of recruits; Jen Engstrom as the sharp-tongued Mags from Chicago's South Side; Julie Ganey as the "mother hen" from Tennessee; Paula Stevens as the soft-spoken, awestruck Midwesterner; and Ana Sferruza, as introverted poet with a keen sense of navigational direction.

Thanks to Laird's flair for dialogue and dramatic flair, the story of these pioneering women provides a smooth theatrical journey from start to finish. See "Sky Girls" through March 9; for ticket information: 847-673-6300.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES – March 21/April 20
A lot of people are depending on you when it comes to a business decision this week, Aries. You need to consider what is best for everyone involved — even if that means making some compromises.

TAURUS – April 21/May 21
You have a lot on your mind, Taurus. Don't get stressed out about everything. Stay calm, and try to organize your schedule. If you're still nervous, talk to a trusted friend.

GEMINI– May 22/June 21
Try to take it easy this week, Gemini. You've been busy for quite a while. Now that you have a break, enjoy yourself. A close friend needs your help with a personal problem. Be supportive.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Don't get down on yourself for a minor mistake at work. That special someone has a surprise for you. Don't accept it if you're having second thoughts about the relationship. Think about what you really want.

LEO – July 23/August 23
You get caught in the middle of a disagreement between business associates early in the week. While you don't want to get involved, help these co-workers work toward a compromise.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
During the day this week, co-workers need your help with a project, and a loved one monopolizes your time during the evening. However, they'll leave you alone by the end of the week.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
While you like to be in charge, that's not how things work early in the week. Let someone else take control when it comes to a business problem. Pay attention, and learn from the situation.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Don't be possessive when it comes to that special someone. He or she truly cares for you, but he or she also needs some time alone. A close friend asks you for financial advice.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
When it comes to a heart-to-heart talk with a loved one, be blunt. While your words will sting, he or she needs to hear them. That special someone has an important question for you. Be truthful with him or her.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
While you need to show your authority at work, don't be harsh. Show your co-workers some compassion. A friend asks a favor of you. Getting involved will cause you a lot of problems.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't try to force your views onto others, Aquarius. They are entitled to their own opinions. A family friend drops by unexpectedly. Don't rush him or her out the door.

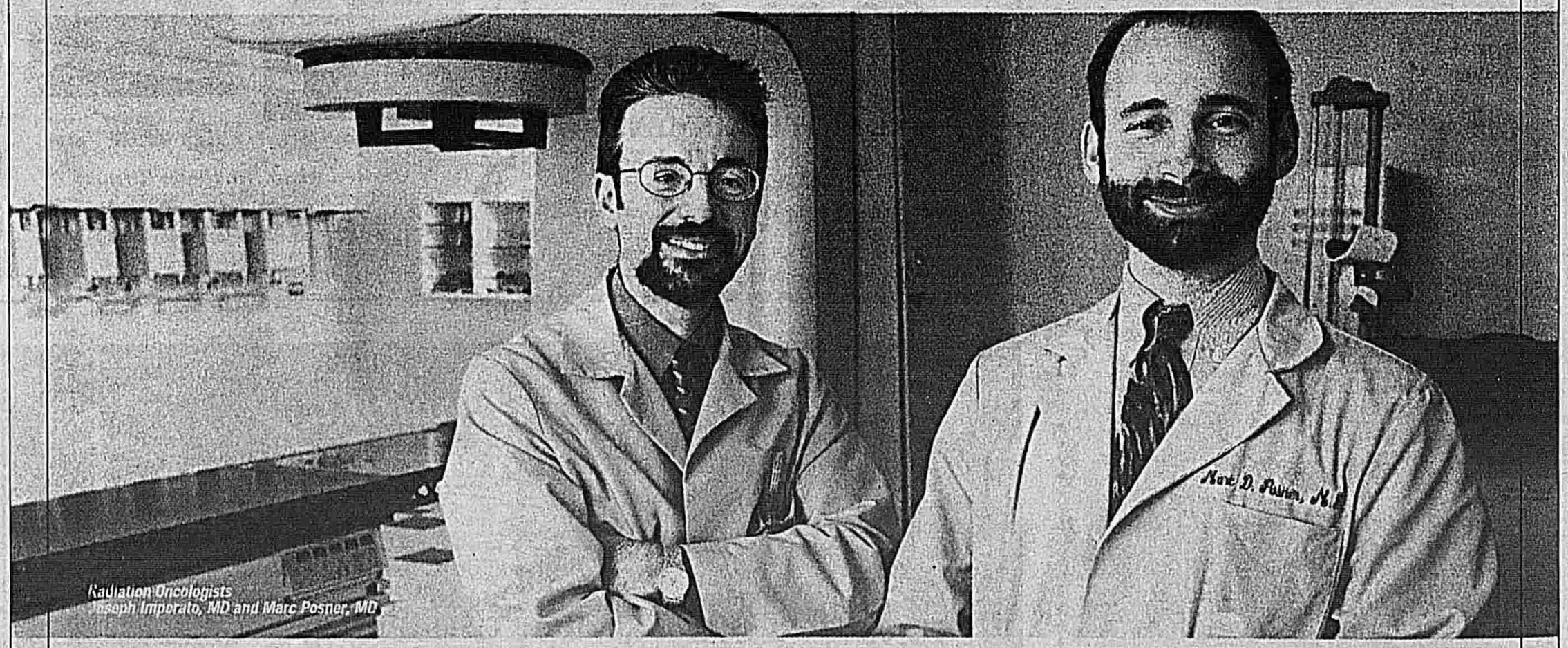
PISCES – Feb 19/March 20
Don't take a loved one's harsh words to heart. He or she is going through a rough time and just needs to vent a little. A close friend has good news and wants to celebrate with you. Enjoy!

Save-A-Pet puts on the dog

Save-A-Pet no-kill animal shelter at 31664 N. Fairfield Road., Grayslake is sponsoring a "Be My Valentine" event, featuring famous couples, as well as Save-A-Pet's feline and canine couples on Sunday, Feb. 16, beginning at 1 p.m. There will be a raffle, refreshments and a great line-up of speakers; Bruce Bregenzer, a massage specialist in gentle-touch applications for dogs, cats, and other companion pets, and Kristen Garra, a representative from Paws With A Cause, which helps train dogs for people with disabilities. The final speaker might help you save the life of your furry companion. Ned Bartlett, DVM, instructor for the College of Lake County's continuing education seminar, "Saving Your Pet's Life," will be discussing CPR for animals.

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COOKING by the BOOK

Tom Witom

Let's be honest: Some cookbooks are more for show. The intimidation factor is just too high for the average home cook.

Admittedly, "Girardet: Recipes from a Master of French Cuisine" (Ten Speed Press, 2002) features some intricate and involved recipes – many beautifully photographed. But to relegate this handsome volume to the coffee table would be a mistake. We have modified Girardet's grilled scallops recipe slightly, using chicken stock instead of homemade scallop stock and butternut squash (since fresh pumpkin was unavailable).

The results were far from frivolous.

Grilled Scallops with Thyme, Pumpkin Creamand Bacon "Frivolity"

2/3 cup dried white haricot or great northern beans
12 large scallops
1 onion, peeled and stuck with 1 clove
1 bouquet garni (fresh thyme, parsley and bay leaf)
Salt
Pumpkin Cream
1 onion
1/3 raw potato
5 oz. pumpkin flesh
1 Tbl. unsalted butter
1/4 cup chicken stock
Scant cup whipping cream
Pinch of ground nutmeg
Salt and freshly ground pepper
6 thin slices smoked bacon
1 orange
14 sprigs thyme
4 large black olives, pitted
1 anchovy fillet (optional)
5 Tbl. extra virgin olive oil
Ground cayenne pepper

Preparation

The day before you start the recipe, cover the haricot beans with cold water and leave to soak in the refrigerator for at least 12 hours.

Wash the scallops thoroughly under running water. Place on plate, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

To make the haricot beans, rinse the soaked beans in plenty of cold water and place in a saucepan with the onion and bouquet garni;, cover with water. Bring to a boil and cook until the beans are tender, making sure they remain covered with water; this will take one to two hours, depending on the quality of the beans and how long they have been soaking. Add salt three-fourths of the way through the cooking time. Remove from the heat and leave the beans in their cooking liquid.

To make the pumpkin cream, peel and finely chop the onion. Peel and thinly slice the potato. Cut the pumpkin flesh into one-in. dice. Put the onion and butter in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until the onion is translucent. Add the potato and pumpkin, pour in the stock, bring to a boil and cook for 10 minutes. Add the cream, boil for two minutes and remove the pan from the heat. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper, press through a fine sieve into a clean saucepan and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 275 degrees Fahrenheit.

Halve the bacon slices lengthwise, place on a rimmed baking sheet and cover with aluminum foil. Place another baking sheet on top to keep the bacon flat. Cook in the oven for 20 minutes, and set aside.

Scrub the orange under hot water, dry thoroughly and grate one teaspoon of zest.

Pick off the leaves from two thyme sprigs and chop finely. Chop the olives and the anchovy fillet, if using. Mix with the olive oil, add the grated orange zest and set aside.

Finishing touches

Heat a grill or griddle pan.

Drain the beans, add them to the pumpkin cream and reheat.

Season the scallops with cayenne, salt and pepper, and grill for one minute on each side. Immediately drain on paper towels.

Brush the scallops with the olive oil mixture and scatter on the diced corals.

Presentation

Pour the pumpkin cream and beans over four warmed plates. Place three scallops on top, and stick two lengths of bacon vertically into each scallop. Place a few sprigs of thyme in the center.

Grenadier Guards and Highlanders Pipe and Drum bands perform at Allstate

The Grenadier Guards and the Scots Highlanders Pipe and Drum Regiment, two of Great Britain's most-acclaimed military bands, present "Hands Across the Sea," a British spectacular featuring music, precision marching, drumming and Highland dancing from England, Scotland, Ireland and the U.S. "Hands Across the Sea" will be performed at the Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road., on Monday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m.

The band has played to enthusiastic reviews around the world, from the US and Canada to Europe, Australia and Japan. They have performed for the Queen's birthday and the Mounting of the Queen's Guard at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

The Band of the Grenadier Guards represents a historic regiment whose roots can be traced to 1656, the year of the birth of Handel and Bach, when the band consisted of 12 musicians playing hautbois, or oboes. Over the years, it was expanded to include French horns, clarinets, flutes, bassoons, drums, tambourines and, by the mid-19th century, saxophones.

In addition to their music, players also are trained as medics in wartime, including nuclear or chemical warfare. The Band is stationed at Wellington Barracks, near Buckingham Palace in central London.

The Highlander's Regiment dates to 1778, when troops were raised in the Scottish Highlands to help fight revolutionaries in America and France. The modern regiment was created in 1994 with the merger of the Queen's Own Highlanders and the Gordon Highlanders.

The Pipes and Drums are the showpiece of the regiment, one of the world's foremost military bands. They are star performers in British events such as the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle.

The regiment continues to recruit from the Highlands and islands of Scotland, and jealously guards its Highland history and connections. Members sport three tartans Mackenzie, Gordon and Cameron, each of which is worn by all ranks. However, the musicians are first and foremost fully- trained combat soldiers. Over its two centuries of history, its members have won 42 Victoria Crosses and 185 major battle honors for their exploits in combat from Waterloo and Egypt to El Alamein and The Persian Gulf.

Tickets are $25 to $35. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more by calling 847-635-6601. Charge tickets by phone at 312-559-1212 or visit ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased directly at the Allstate Arena Box Office.

Dominican University Visiting Day

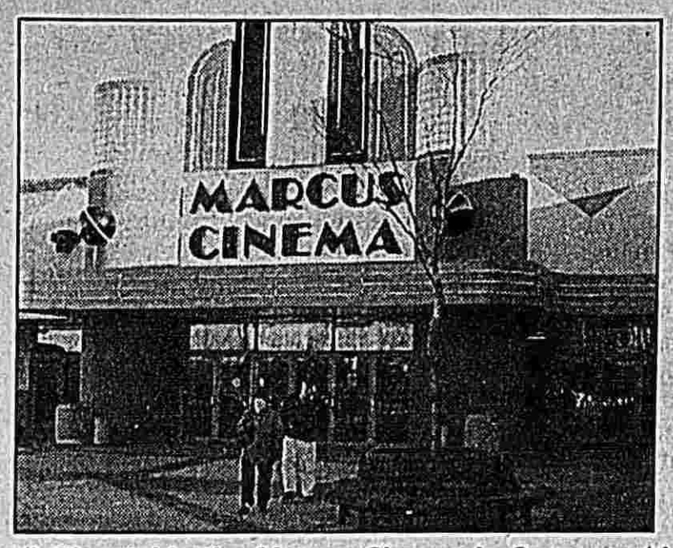
The Dominican University Office of Admissions is hosting a Visiting Day for high school juniors and seniors on Monday, Feb. 17 at 9 a.m. in the Eloise Martin Recital Hall, 7900 West Division St. in River Forest.

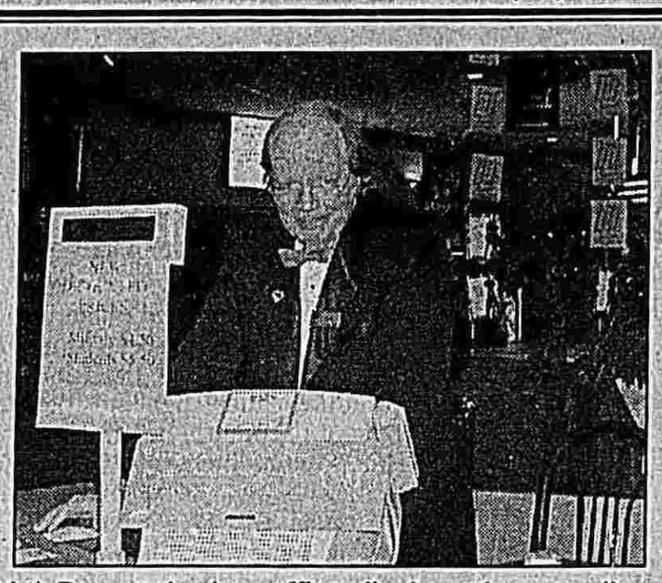
Students will tour Dominican's campus, meet faculty and students, attend class and learn about admissions and financial aid. Representatives from the admissions and financial aid offices will be available to answer any questions regarding academic programs, scholarships, financial aid and life on campus. For more information or to register call 708-524-6800.

Founded in 1901, Dominican University is a comprehensive, coeducational Catholic institution offering bachelor's and master's degrees. Dominican offers 51 undergraduate academic programs in the Rosary College of Arts and Science and 16 graduate programs in four graduate schools through the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, the Graduate School of Business and Information Systems, the School of Education and the Graduate School of Social Work. In the 2003 issue of "America's Best Colleges," "U.S. News & World Report" ranked Dominican University in the top tier of Midwest master's level universities and as a best value for the fifth consecutive year.

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(left) outside the Marcus Cinema in Gurnnee. (right) Ron at the box office displays the new discount prices for military and students at the theater.

50 Free Movie Passes at Gurnee Mills

Marcus Theaters at Gurnee Mall is offering 50 free movie passes for those of you that predict, most accurately, who the big winners will be on Academy Awards® night, March 23rd. Starting next week and continuing through March 21st, there will be a ballot for you to complete and mail to Lakeland News. Using the earliest postmark, the first 25 correct answers will receive two FREE passes.

Mitul Patel, Promotions Coordinator at Marcus Theaters, is chock full of ideas to make going to the movies loads of fun. Visit them this weekend for fun events he has planned on "Daredevil," which opens today. All movies, at all times, now feature a low admission price of $5.50 for students with an ID and only $4.50 for the military. Large drink and large popcorn refills are free.

The 20 screens at Gurnee Mills show the expected mix of movies produced by the major studios, those with the big marketing bucks like "The Recruit" or "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." But the folks at Marcus also book some smaller films that many of you seem to love those jewels like "About Schmidt" (Jack Nicholson) and "Chicago" (Renee Zellweger).

Vote early and as often as you like, but each entry must be on an original ballot cut from the newspaper. Visit the "Best of the Year" section at www.reelmoviecritic.com for tips on what the critics think are the best films and news on the nominations announced on Feb. 11. In the next few weeks, we'll publish an article with our thoughts on who should and who will win in each category. Send us your comments at reelmoviec@aol.com. Enjoy the movie!

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MOVIE REVIEW KEY

- 1 Box: Someone should be fired for making this movie
- 2 Boxes: Wait until this movie comes out on video
- 3 Boxes: Had high expectations and was disappointed
- 4 Boxes: Wow! I'm impressed
- 5 Boxes: Don't miss this movie!

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. More reviews of these and other films can be found under Current Movie Reviews and Future Films at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

Opening This Week

Jungle Book 2 ★★★★: Mowgli (Haley Joel Osment) wants to return to the jungle in spite of his comfortable village life. Shanti tries to bring him back home. The dangerous animals in the jungle test them both. John Goodman co stars.

Lost in La Mancha ★★★★: Insiders look at the risks of making a film. It's a wonder that anything not sanctioned by a deep pockets studio ever gets made.

Valentines from The Music Box: Fri: Casablanca; Sat: Gone with the Wind; Sun: Dr. Zhivago; Mon: Philadelphia Story and Breakfast at Tiffany's; Tue: Annie Hall and Broken Blossoms; Wed: West Side Story; Thur: Notorious and To Catch a Thief.

Still Playing

City of God ★★★★★: An intense new experience disguised as a movie, is the sprawling story of gangs, drugs, corruption and redemption, set over a few decades amidst the turbulent backdrop of Rio de Janeiro's slums.

Final Destination 2★★★: Death has a grand design. When your time is up, there is no escape. A.J. Cook and Ali Larter.

The Guru ★★★1/2: Aspiring actor from India finds that in America the road is not paved in gold. Heather Graham, Marisa Tomei and Jimi Mistry.

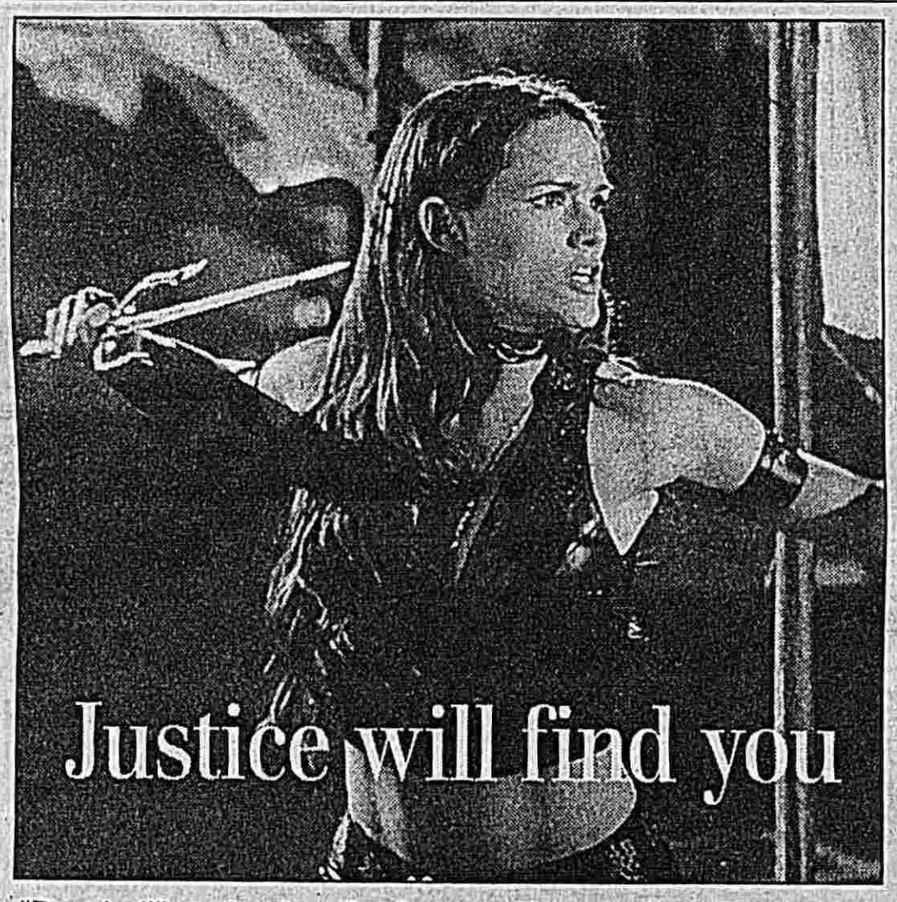
Shanghai Knights★★★: Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson help track down Jack the Ripper in 1880's London.

DAREDEVIL

Rating
PG-13 Action/violence and some sensuality

Director
Mark Steven Johnson

Starring
Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner
Michael Clarke Duncan
Colin Farrell



"Daredevil" staring Jennifer Garner—*Photo by Zade Rosenthal*

As a young boy, Matt Murdock was picked on by the school bullies and told not to fight by his father, a journeyman boxer who was eventually killed by gangsters because he would not throw a fight. Matt, blinded by industrial chemicals as he ran, after seeing his father rough up a guy for the mob, grew up and became a lawyer. He decides that when he can't obtain justice being a prosecuting attorney during the day, he'll get avenging angel justice at night, as Daredevil. The loss of sight enhances his other senses of sound, smell, touch and balance.

The adult Matt (Ben Affleck) meets Elektra (Jennifer Garner) at a coffee shop and follows her, which she sees as stalking. They get into a friendly kick-boxing match in a park playground, egged on by cheering boys and girls. Being evenly matched, they become friends and are soon lovers. Elektra's been learning how to defend herself since she was 5 years old because her father, a mobster, wants her to be a warrior and not a victim.

Bullseye (Colin Farrell), is a thug with superhuman dart-throwing skills that are used to hurl whatever is handy at victims, which result in their immediate demise. When he gets a contract by Kingpin (Michael Clarke Duncan) to kill Elektra's father, he's successful, but what she sees makes her think that DD rather than Bullseye committed the murder. She and DD soon battle each other, only to have Bullseye intercede in a way that could be deadly to both Elektra and DD. Of course, she eventually realizes that her lover Matt is Daredevil.

If you are a Daredevil comic book aficionado, you'll like the film better than we did. In talking with people that understand the history of this character and the major differences between DD and Spider Man, the dark, edgy violence and sexuality will be appealing. For us, going back to the rating board twice to get the rating changed from R to PG-13 was not enough to make this film family friendly in the manner that Spiderman was.

We "liked" DD but were a little unsettled with the violent nature of the film, for the under 10 crowd, who are just as anxious to see it as the older set. But when it starts out with a huge rat running around the streets of New York City, we can't complain about the movie not being true to the story.

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Are you stretching your way to injury?



ON CALL

Day Simon

If you stretch before exercise, have you ever thought about why you are doing it and what on earth you are accomplishing? Do you stretch because you are following your health club manual purporting it "warms you up?" Of course you believe it because you've probably been told to stretch ever since your grade school gym classes.

Well, according to Bob Gajda, "the indoctrinated notion of stretching is unsafe and injurious, and the stretching theory is obsolete."

For those who may never have heard of Bob Gajda, he is the consummate expert in the area of physical fitness, body development and sports rehabilitation with a nationwide clientele that includes many renowned sports figures. His accomplishments include achieving the Triple Crown of fitness, Mr. America, Mr. U.S.A and Mr. Universe, after which he went on to acquire three master's degrees and a doctorate in biomechanics. Know anybody else who's done all that?

A few Sundays ago I was privileged to attend one of Bob Gajda's tennis workshops at the Libertyville Tennis and Fitness Club. This involved a program designed to help the young athletes there enhance their tennis performance. One of the things he insisted upon is that all former notions about warm-up exercise and the idea that stretching enhances performance be dispelled.

According to Gajda, in order to "warm-up" the body and increase one's "flexibility," the muscles need to be actively contracted. That's the exact opposite of the stretching exercises we've been taught. Stretching can be very dangerous because it actually pushes our joints into positions that our muscles were never designed to achieve. This can result in micro-trauma—small tearing of tissue. Once this happens, those muscles and joints are set up for even more serious injuries, ACL tears and torn rotator cuffs. Ouch! Don't stretch!

According to Gajda's associate, Jon Kabance, a kinesiotherapist who deals primarily with therapeutic and corrective exercise programs, "Stretching does not warm you up as people think, and stretching can cause injury to muscles, tendons and ligaments. I see it all the time."

Stretching can also have an adverse affect on your bones. Bones only move a certain distance in relation to each other. If bones are taken past these points, they will be rubbing in areas where they should not be. This can cause irritation to the bone and possible spurring. Double ouch!

Dr. Ross Hauser of Oak Park treats sports injuries with "prolotherapy" injections to help induce the body to heal. Hauser insists that in order to not run the risk of injury to ligaments and tendons, you should only stretch muscles that are already warmed up and pliable.

The bottom line is that if you don't want to get hurt, don't stretch. Instead, Gajda's D'ROM program—Dynamic Range of Movement—offers the athlete or anybody involved in any exercise activity a way to "warm up properly" without risking injury. As a series of movements for the muscles, tendons and ligaments that surround the joint to control body mass, it provides strength and stability while keeping the body moving within normal limits. For example, there's forward bending where the body with hands placed on the abdomen moves forward 45 degrees. In bending backward, the move is only to 35 degrees.

The key to optimum flexibility is remaining within normal limits. Most of what we're being told, those figure drawings of stretch movements in the health club manuals, are not within the body's normal range of movement. And yes, you can get hurt. Again, don't stretch! You can find Gajda's theories in his book, Total Body Training and in his D'ROM manuscripts currently being used as a preparation program for many team sports.

The opinions expressed herein are those of the author. They do not constitute medical advice and each concept presented should be discussed with your physician or physical fitness instructor before undertaking.

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LTR	Long-term Relationship	N/D	Non-Drinker
		N/S	Non-smoker

Poet to present reading at CLC

Patricia Smith, a poet, playwright, journalist and performance artist, will present a reading at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Experimental Theatre of the Performing Arts Building at the College of Lake County.

Smith has performed at the Poets Stage in Stockholm, Brazil's Bahai Festival, the Sorbonne and on tour in Germany, Austria and Amsterdam among other venues. Smith is four-time individual champion of the national poetry slam, and she has written three volumes of poetry and published in national literary magazines.

Of her work, the "New York Times" has said, "Ms. Smith's published works pour forth words in their succulence, a 'necessary music' to evoke the sensual awakenings of a black woman." She is also author of "Africans In America," a companion book to the PBS documentary.

Admission is free; however, tickets are required. Call the box office at 847-543-2300.





Music to your ears

Guest violinist Ed Wilcox and pianist Pamela Jones perform during the College of Lake County's Music Faculty Recital. Wilcox and Jones performed along with other members of the school's faculty during the annual event. — *Photos by J.W. Sternickle*

Shimer College holds open house Feb. 17

On President's Day, Monday, Feb. 17, from noon-3:30 p.m., Shimer College in Waukegan will be holding an open house for prospective students. The open house is for those either interested in the Every-Third-Weekend program or the traditional weekday program. Prospective students will get the opportunity to meet with a counselor, a financial aid advisor, sit in on a class and enjoy lunch with current Shimer students.

Although founded in 1853, Shimer became a part of Waukegan when it moved there in 1979 from Mt. Carroll. Shimer is one of the few colleges in the U.S. whose curriculum is based on original writings sometimes known as the Great Books. Classes never have more than 12 students and are always discussion classes. Shimer was recently chosen as one of 260 colleges profiled in "Barron's Best Buys in College Education." Shimer is ranked third in the nation in the percentage of graduates who continue their education by earning doctorates.

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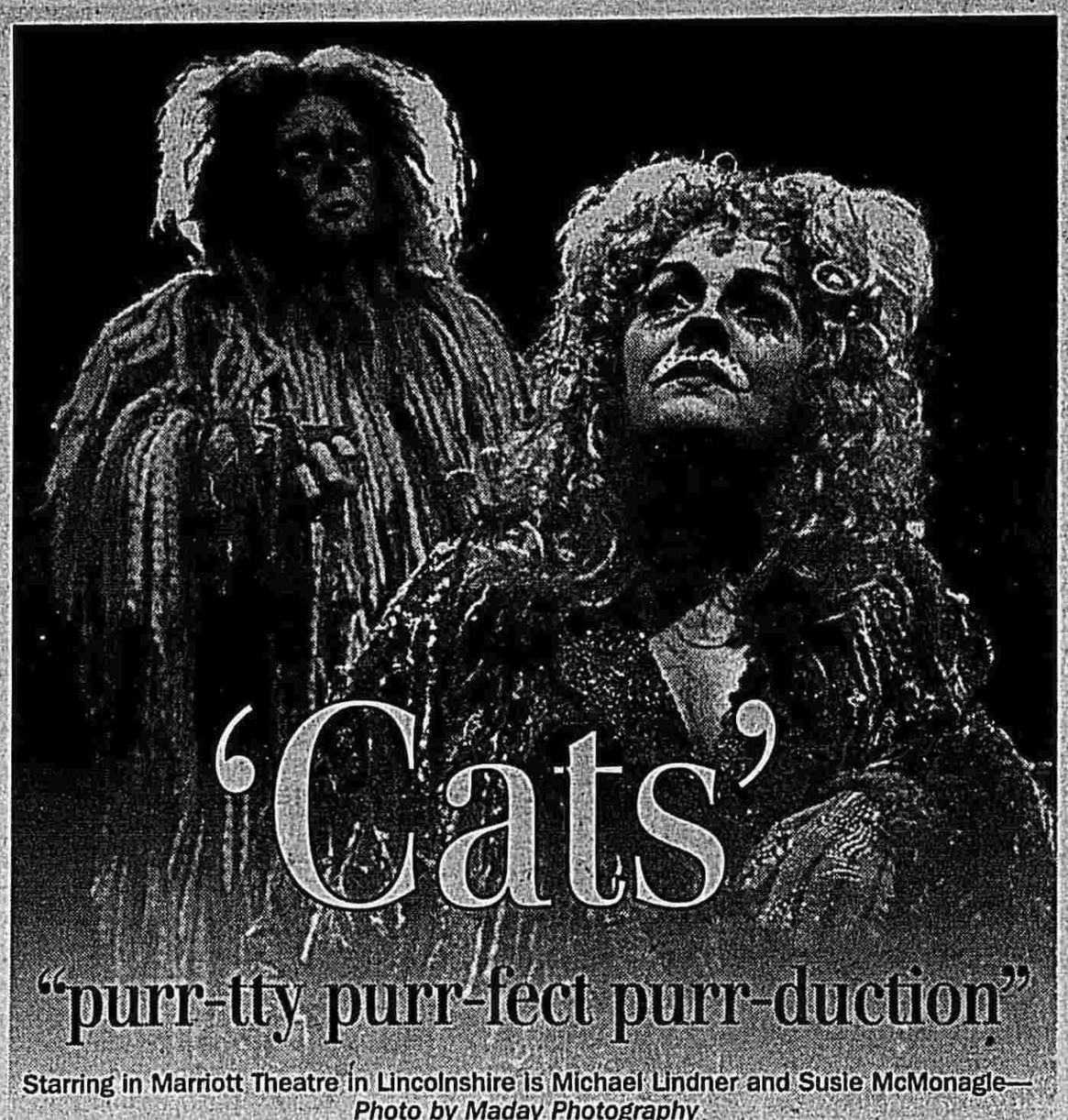
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'Cats'

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Starring in Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire is Michael Lindner and Susie McMonagle—
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By GLORIA DAVIS
Lakeland Correspondent

THEATER REVIEW

Everyone knows that Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical "Cats" is the longest first run Broadway musical in show-biz history. Now Lincolnshire's Marriott Theatre is host to the first regional production of the famed musical, and what a production it is!

For those who love the dance, the well-known theater-in-the-round has a whopper of a dance troupe cavorting with grace, talent and top professionalism all over the stage and on the cat-walks that top it.

Led by ballet professionals like Oscar Camp's as "Mr. Mistoffolees," Craig Ramsey, as the swinging Rum Tug Tugger, Christine Brooks as Bombalurina, Mathias Anderson as Munkustrap, Curt Dale Clark as Quaxo, Stacey Flaster as Jennyanydots, Laura Moffet as Demeter, Jennifer Dow as Rumpleteaser, Michael Keating as Skimbleshanks, Joey Gyandola as Mongojerrie, Brian Herriot as Growltiger, Alison Rose Naskrent as the lovable Sillabub and Roberta Duchak as Jellylorum, among the many other believable, adorable and individually interesting felines that leap, lunge, crawl, creep and preen on Marriott's stage, off the catwalks, in the aisles and sometimes in the audience's face..

The entire theater has been squeezed and transformed into a back alley complete with garbage cans and graffiti strewn all over the walls and fences that form the alley's "Purr-imeter."

Susie McMonagle, no stranger to the art of show stopping, brings down the house in the role of Grizabella when her renditions of "Memory's" resound throughout the theater.

Michael Linder is more than believable as Old Deutronomy. Other scene stealers include the choreography of Marc Robin, the marvelous Patti Garwood and the Marriott orchestra, and the colorful costumes of Nancy Missimi that go a long way towards "cat-a-pulting" the individual players into their distinctive "Purr-sonalities." Lighting this show, with its many spot lit features, is well done by Diane Ferry Williams.

Don't miss this most entertaining "purr-duction" for the entire family. Two small boys were in the first row in front of us, loving every minute that the on stage kitties mugged their way into their hearts.

Running until Easter Sunday, you'll soon forget being sort of scrunched into the "alley" because this is one of the always innovative Marriott's best "purr-ductions" ever. Two thumbs, two raised paws and several tails up for "purr-suading" the whole family to see this show.

Polar Bears abound at Brookfield Zoo

Put on your walking shoes and head to Brookfield Zoo for the Polar Bear Promenade, one of the coolest art projects on display through March 31.

While strolling the walkways to see the zoo's animals, including Aussie, Arki, and Kinapak polar bears, be on the look out for 13 life-size polar bear sculptures. Each one is painted to reflect the nature of sponsoring organizations and businesses. Friends of Community Public Art, a not-for-profit organization of talented artists, created the actual molds.

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Brookfield Zoo is known throughout the world for its innovative, naturalistic, multi-species exhibits, its international role in animal population management and wildlife conservation and its devotion to helping people develop a sustainable and harmonious relationship with nature. Open every day of the year, Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (1-55) and Eisenhower (1-290) expressways, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (1-294), Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service.

